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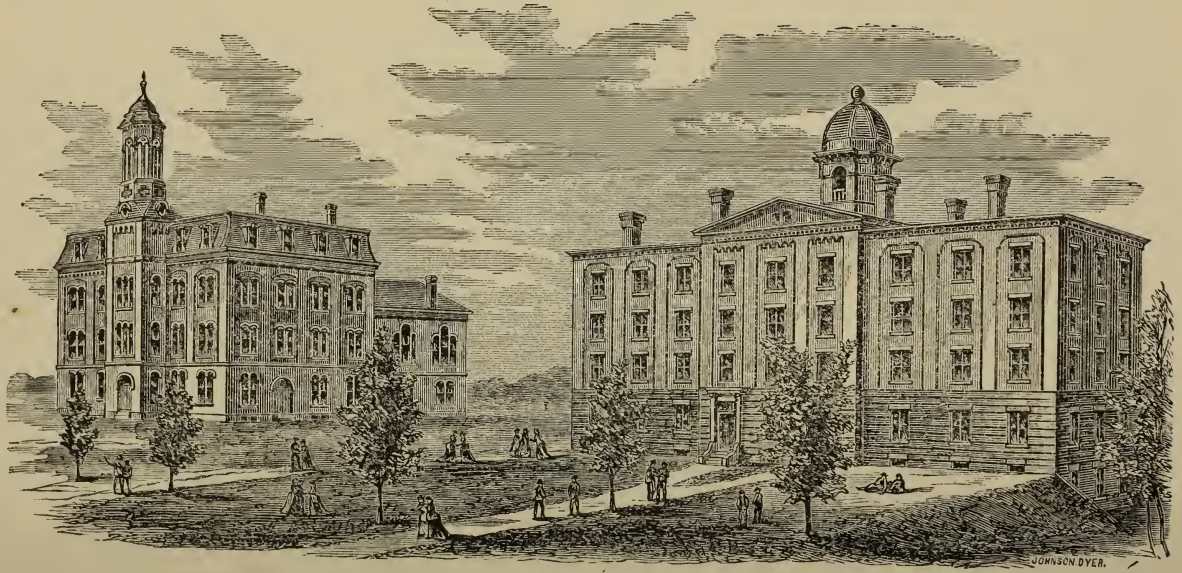
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MINUTES.

The Fifty-ninth Session of the Maine Annual Conference convened in the Hammond Street M. E. Church at Lewiston, Me., Wednesday, A. M., April 25, 1883, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., presiding.

The Session was opened with religious exercises conducted by the Bishop, consisting of singing, reading of 2d Tim. 2: by Bishop Foss, and prayer by Rev. Chas. Munger. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop and Elders to one hundred and seventy-six communicants.

Remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by the Bishop, urging upon the Conference the necessity of depending upon the efficient agency of the Holy Ghost in all the work of the Session, and touchingly alluding to his own personal experience during his recent year of suffering.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and seventy-five members answered to their names.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Thomas Tyrie to the New Hampshire Conference. It was also announced that James M. Williams was transferred from the Wilmington Conference, and Wm. M. Sterling from the Minnesota Conference.

Geo. C. Andrews was re-elected Secretary, Wilbur F. Holmes, Assistant Secretary, William S. Jones, Statistical Secretary, and Abel W. Pottle, Financial Secretary. Daniel B. Randall was elected Railroad Secretary.

The Standing Committees were nominated by the Presiding Elders and approved by the Conference.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:—

Resolved, 1. While we recognize that the world is the parish of Methodism, and are anxious to see every department of its work, both at home and abroad, in the highest possible state of prosperity, as a Conference we feel it incumbent upon us to have special care for the proper culture, conservation and growth of that portion of the parish allotted us—viz., the territory occupied by the Maine Conference.

Resolved, 2. We regret exceedingly that some charges within our bounds, of first importance to Methodism, have been suffered to drag out a most precarious existence for a long term of years; and have been brought to the very verge of dissolution for lack of interest and aid upon the part of the Conference; and notably Auburn charge.

Resolved, 3. We move that a committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration its present condition, its needs, and the imperative necessity of doing something to help it, in securing a church edifice that shall attract instead of repel worshippers; and place the charge on a footing of respectability, and afford a prospect of future and permanent success.

Resolved, 4. That the Committee shall report to this Conference at its earliest convenience, in order to immediate action in reference to the case in hand.

The following were appointed as said Committee:

Dr. Charles F. Allen, Presiding Elder of Lewiston District, *Chairman*; George D. Lindsay, Daniel B. Randall, Ezekiel Martin, Wm. S. Jones, Everett S. Stackpole, Joseph Colby and Eleazer W. Hutchinson.

The following Committees were ordered by the Conference; and the Presiding Elders were made a Committee to nominate the same:—Committees on Observance of the Sabbath; Sunday School Union and Tract Cause; Bible Cause, and Admission to Conference.

Parker Jaques was added to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Ira G. Sprague was granted leave of absence for the session of to-morrow.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.30, A. M. and 12 M., the first half hour to be devoted to religious services.

The Bar of Conference was fixed by an imaginary line drawn from the rear of the third window.

It was voted that the Stewards constitute a Committee on the claims of the Conference Funds.

A draft of $30 was ordered on the Chartered Fund.

Took up the Twentieth Question: "Was the character of each Preacher examined?" The character of the Presiding Elder of Portland District was passed, and he read the following report:—

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF PORTLAND DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The year just closed has been one of constant service, which by the blessing of God and the extreme kindness of the brethren, has been relieved of many of its difficulties.

I have endeavored to obtain such information as would enable me to place before the Conference facts that will indicate the state of the work, and the measure of prosperity attending the labors of the year.

The statements contained in this report are based upon returns from thirty-seven of the forty-six charges which compose the District.

MEMBERSHIP: The charges reported show a membership of three thousand four hundred and seventeen—an increase of one hundred and sixty-eight over last year; a little more than four and one-half per cent. And this notwithstanding the fact that on many of the charges, notably the larger, there has been a revision of the records that has resulted in a considerable reduction of the number returned.

The same charges report the number of probationers four hundred and forty, an increase of sixty-four over last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Thirty-five charges report forty-one Sunday Schools, five hundred and thirteen officers and teachers, and three thousand seven hundred and thirty-three scholars of all ages;—an increase of two schools and eight officers and teachers, and a decrease of one hundred scholars.

The returns from the remaining eleven charges will doubtless show a small increase in the total number of scholars on the District.

Benevolent Collections. The unusual number of stormy Sabbaths during the latter part of the year has rendered it impracticable for the brethren to close up their work in season to report to me their collections in full, and has given reasonable grounds for fear that the showing would suffer in comparison with other years. I am happy to say, however, that the facts obtained indicate the contrary.

Twenty-two charges report for Conference claimants this year, $329.75; last year, $236.42. Increase, $93.33. Twenty-three charges report for Missions, $584.00; last year, $402.50. Increase, $181.50. Fourteen charges report for W. F. Miss. Society, $168.00; last year, $144.50. Increase, $23.50. Twenty-four charges report for Church Extension, $170.50; last year, $95.66. Increase, $74.84. Twenty-two charges report for Tract Cause, $38.25; last year, $31.00. Increase, $7.25. Twenty-two charges report for S. S. Union, $36.50; last year $38.00. Decrease, $1.50. Twenty-one charges report for Freedmen's Aid, $83.00; last year, $86.38. Decrease, $3.38. Eighteen charges report for Education, $67.00; last year, $63,55. Increase, $3.45. Twenty-two charges report for Bible Society, $35.50: last year, $30.50. Increase, $5.00. Showing a total increase for these nine benevolent causes, on less than half the district, of $383.99, or a fraction over 34 per ct.

If the final report shall show that the remaining charges have done as well, it will be seen that Portland District has reached a good starting point from which to advance.

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Church Building and Improvement. The church at Kennebunkport, which was undergoing extensive repairs at the time of the last session of our Conference, has been completed, and was reopened for public service in July.

Bro. Kinsman Atkinson is entitled to great credit for. carrying forward this work so successfully. It is almost wholly due to his labor and influence that our people in this beautiful village are so well housed and out of debt.

At Falmouth and Cumberland the pastorate of Eleazer W. Hutchinson will long be remembered for the amount of work accomplished in this line.

The church at Falmouth was repaired at a cost of six hundred dollars, and the parsonage secured to the trustees of our church, previous to the last session of our Conference. Since that time a very neat and commodious chapel has been built at Cumberland, costing $1,500. No indebtedness remains on any of this property.

A very fine church is being built at Old Orchard. The camp-meeting association gave to our Society the Tabernacle and the lot on which it stood, on condition that such a church should be built as would accommodate the Society for a place of worship, and the Association for camp-meeting purposes. The conditions are being met and before June first we shall probably have ample accommodations for our new and promising society. One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars have been raised and paid on this enterprise, and $1,500 will be needed to complete it.

I am sorry to say that there is likely to be a debt on this church of some twelve hundred dollars. It seems impossible to fulfill the contract with the Association and avoid it.

A church is in process of erection at Kezar Falls that will meet the wants of that community.

The Secretary of the Building Committee, F. W. Redlon, Esq., gives the following information concerning it:

Size of building, 38x56; size of tower, 13x13; height of first story, 9 feet; height of second story, 14 feet, with 5 feet finished in the roof.

Amount subscribed for building,	$1850.00
Amount available,	1700.00
Cost to date, April 2d, 1883,	2000.00
Amount expended above available subscriptions,	300.00
Estimated cost when finished,	3500.00

The Secretary adds, "It is said by the best judges to be a beautiful edifice and to be admirably and conveniently arranged and the money thus far raised to have been expended in the very best manner.

Alpha Turner, the Preacher in charge, has labored earnestly and faithfully, and it is due to his zeal, sound judgment and good sense, that we have been able to do so much for so little money.

It is proper to say, in this connection, that the generous gift of $500 from Bro. Freeman Hatch of Cornish, enabled Bro. Turner to begin this much needed work. We trust that our collections this year for the Church Extension Society, will render it practicable for that body to grant the aid applied for toward its completion.

At North Conway, David Pratt, Jr., has succeeded in raising sufficient funds to purchase a lot and lay the foundation of a new church, and also $1,000 towards the erection of a house thereon. Thirty thousand feet of lumber are already on the ground, and the work will be commenced immediately.

The church and parsonage at Bartlett, the other part of the charge, have been repaired and improved.

Twenty charges report $18,905.00 raised and appropriated during the past year for building and improving church property and the payment of debts.

Spiritual Condition. On ten of the charges a good revival interest has obtained during the whole or a part of the year, the results of which are seen in the increase of members and probationers reported.

Of nearly one half the charges it may be said that their spiritual condition has greatly improved, and that the improvement is manifest. That the same cannot be truthfully said of all is not owing to a lack of earnest, faithful labor on the part of the pastors, for, with very few exceptions, they have labored zealously and have done seemingly all that could be done. Many who have seen no marked results have labored quite as hard as those who have, and often amid great discouragements.

Those unacquainted with the character and situation of the people and the nature of the work on our country charges cannot at all appreciate the embarrassments under which many of our brethren labor.

What we Need. 1. More trained preachers. Maine Conference has never been without good preachers. Many who laid the foundations of their success here have gone to other and more promising fields it is true; but some remain, as good as any who have gone. We point with pride to the record of many among us who have grown old in the service. The fruit of their labor is visible. To take the work where they leave it and carry it on successfully requires men of more than ordinary physical, mental and spiritual endowment. Since these men wrought, it has come to be understood that a Methodist preacher who succeeds in Maine is capable of achieving success anywhere.

2. We need a more vigorous working of our system. We pay too little attention to disciplinary methods. Too little is required of those who constitute our various Committees and Boards. We have the best system of church organization extant, but fail to so work it as to derive that measure of practical benefit from it we ought.

3. We need a cheaper literature. Neal Dow is reported to have said that in order to secure the adoption of the policy of prohibition in Maine, the friends of that policy "covered the State knee deep with temperance literature." Our people read, and are influenced by what they read; and in some way we must supply them with their religious reading to a greater extent than we do. With all the resources at its command, the Methodist Episcopal Church ought to be able to publish more and better books and periodicals, and sell them at a cheaper rate than those possessing fewer advantages.

4. We need religious revivals. The great end for which we labor is the salvation of the people. With the ranks of our trained ministry reinforced, with our grand system wisely operated, with our denominational literature generally distributed and with such a baptism of the Holy Spirit as will sanctify the whole, that end will surely be attained.

Charges having been preferred against David W. Le Lacheur, it was voted that a Committee of fifteen be nominated by the Chair as a select Committee to try his case. The following were nominated by the Chair, and elected by the Conference. Abel W. Pottle, George L. Burbank, Eleazer W. Hutchinson, John B. Lapham, Fred C. Rogers, Sylvester Hooper, Leonard H. Bean, Benjamin F. Pease, Charles W. Bradlee, William H. Foster, Francis Grovenor, John Collins, Perry Chandler, George W. Barber, Ammi S. Ladd.

The Bishop called the attention of the Conference to the fact that the Discipline recognized the right of the accused to challenge for cause that he had therefore conferred with the counsel for the accused and that the names presented as select committee were agreed to. He also asked Bro. LeLacheur if he was satisfied with the committee. He replied that he was and waived the right of challenge.

Cyrus Stone was nominated and elected as chairman of this Committee. Everett S. Stackpole and Seba F. Wetherbee were appointed to represent the Conference in the trial. Israel Luce and P. Jaques were appointed counsel for D. W. LeLacheur.

It was moved that the preachers, as their characters passed, report, beside the collections for Foreign Missions, the amounts raised for Domestic Missions, and also for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The characters of the Effective Elders of Portland District were examined and passed. True Whittier was, granted a supernumerary relation.

The character of the Presiding Elder of Lewiston District was passed, and he presented the following report:—

REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER OF LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Lewiston District embraces thirty-four charges; and extends from Gardiner to Denmark, and from Bath to Gorham, N. H., and to Megalloway River. Twenty-eight of the charges on this District have been served by ministers appointed at the Conference and six by local preachers.

The churches have cordially received the ministers sent to them, and the preachers have labored faithfully in their respective charges; most of them have found their labors acceptable to appreciative congregations, and many have witnessed

manifest tokens of success. Some of the societies have been blessed with revivals that have renovated waste places and the results tend to a permanent enlargement of the strength of the church.

We regret that we are obliged to report the continued depletion of the rural charges by the emigration of so many of our Methodist citizens from the State. In the country circuits while one after another of our old and reliable members are removed by death, the young men, to whom we look for fresh recruits to fill the ranks, are drawn away to more attractive fields of enterprise. The faithful pastor in Maine sees the fruit of his labors garnered in the distant West, and though conversions among the people have attended his ministrations he must report to Conference a decrease in membership. With increasing difficulty scantier funds are raised for the support of the Gospel. Fields rich in historic incidents, that have been cultivated by the toils of heroic pioneer itinerants and enriched by the sacrifices of those whose names are held in lasting remembrance, once sources of great strength to the universal church are now struggling along in feebleness, asking for assistance from the funds of our Domestic Missionary Society. But Methodism cannot afford to abandon these fields of toil. If their decrease is the life of others, the source of supply to our manufacturing towns and cities as well as the distant territories, how much more shall their fullness be the life of the world. Notwithstanding this constant drain by emigration and the more faithful revision of our church records—not enumerating as members those whose names on the register, is the only evidence of their existence—many of the charges retain their efficiency and the ranks are filled with new recruits. Many of the feebler charges must be assisted to give a competent support to the preacher.

By the persistent, cheerful and well directed efforts of the pastor, Wesley church at Bath is practically free from the crushing load of a $9,000 debt that was upon it at the commencement of the Conference year. And this, too, without any aid from the Church Extension funds. Beacon Street Church at Bath, has been renovated and beautified at an expense of some $3,000, and full provision has been made for the payment of the bills.

The debt that had been incurred in building the church in Turner has been paid and good progress has been made in finishing the edifice. The audience room is now nearly ready for use, and the Society that has been so well accommodated in the convenient vestry will soon have a large room for public worship.

The churches at Andover and Mason have been painted and repaired and the expense has all been paid. The church at Lisbon, which had been raised up, is now furnished with a good vestry and furnace room in the basement. Improvements have been made on several other charges in their church property.

In my visits over the District I have been most cordially received by the preachers and by the people. I am truly grateful for all the kindness bestowed and the efforts put forth to make the responsible duties so reluctantly assumed by me, pleasant to the Presiding Elder; and that in such harmony we have toiled for the advancement of the church.

The characters of the Effective Elders on Lewiston District were examined and passed. John F. Hutchins, at his own request, was granted a location.

J. Albert Corey was elected Assistant Secretary and designated to act as secrery in the trial of David W. Le Lacheur.

Dr. B. K. Pierce, Editor of Zion's Herald, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of that paper.

It was moved that the time of the session be extended to allow Dr. Pierce to conclude his remarks.

The appointment of a Committee of five on Zion's Herald was ordered, and consisted of the following: Daniel B. Randall, W. W. Baldwin, George D. Lindsay, Wm. S. Jones, James M. Williams.

Report of Freedmen's Aid Society was referred to the Committee on that Society.

The report of the School of Theology of Boston University, by common consent, and the report relating to the Centenary of 1884, by vote, were referred to the Committee on Education.

AFTERNOON.

At 2.30 P. M. Sunday School Anniversary exercises were held. Wilbur F. Berry presiding. The 176th hymn was sung; the Scriptures were read and prayer was offered by James H. Trask.

The Preacher's Aid Society held their annual business meeting at 4 P. M., and elected officers for the year.

EVENING.

In the evening a large audience assembled to hear the Annual Missionary Sermon by Rev. Charles Munger. The 912th hymn was sung, and the Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. George W. Barber. The preacher announced as his text, Isaiah 42: 4. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged," etc. Theme: "The Christ, the world's Conqueror and King." In a very clear and able sermon the nature of Christ's kingdom was discussed, and its earthly triumph was predicted through forces inherent in the Gospel conjoined with Divine judgments.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, April 26.

The session opened at 8.30, A. M., with religious exercises conducted by Enos T. Adams. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

It was voted that the roll of absent members be called this morning, but that for the remaining sessions the calling of the roll be dispensed with. Roll of absentees was called.

The credentials and fraternal greetings of Rev. E. S. Tead, as Representative of the General Conference of the Congregational churches in Maine were presented and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations for proper response.

Took up the Twentieth Question: Character of Stephen Allen, Presiding Elder of Augusta District was passed and he read the following report:

REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER OF AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting my final report I desire to record my gratitude to a kind Providence for almost uninterrupted health during the four years past. I also present my thanks to the preachers for their cordial co-operation. And to the people for their kind appreciation and generous hospitality.

Augusta District embraces thirty circuits and stations, served by twenty-four members of Conference and six Local preachers. Sunday Quarterly Meetings have been held, during the year, upon every charge, with one exception, twice; and Quarterly Conference, with two exceptions, upon every charge, at least three times.

The Sabbath meetings have always been seasons of encouragement and spiritual refreshing.

The preachers have generally enjoyed good health; and they have labored faithfully and with good results.

One of our superannuated members, Theodore Hill, has passed triumphantly, from a couch of weariness to his rest and crown above.

Much hard work has been done by the preachers, especially in protracted meetings, but with less marked results than in former years.

Instead of the "four days' meetings" of other days, with their *sharp* and *decisive* measures, and grand victories, *four* weeks of earnest labor are now usually required to arouse the church to action, and secure the attention of the people.

A smaller proportion of church members than formerly are constant attendants upon public worship and the social means of grace. The relief afforded the people by eliminating *one* of the Sabbath preaching services and *shortening* the other, and in the increased convenience and elegance of our houses of worship has often failed to draw the people to the house of God. The absence of children from public worship is a prevailing evil, indicating a culpable neglect on the part of parents. The Sunday School, though of great importance, is a poor substitute for public worship, as an educating agency.

The churches and parsonages upon the District are, generally, in a good condition, and with few and slight exceptions, are free from debt, and are held as they should be, by trustees appointed by the Quarterly Conference.

The churches at Hallowell, Augusta, Skowhegan, Monmouth, Phillips and Winthrop have been much improved during the last two years. Convenient chapels have been built, within three years past, at Eustis, North Anson, and North Sidney, all tastefully furnished and free from debt.

The church at Oakland will soon be completed, through the generosity of Bro. R. B. Dunn. This is a place of great prospective importance, in consequence of its wonderful manufacturing facilities, attracting the attention of capitalists. The same is true of Madison, where measures are in progress for building a church, and where help must be secured from abroad to enable the feeble society to provide for themselves a house of worship. The society at Mt. Vernon are also taking measures to build a church. This enterprise needs and deserves generous aid from other societies.

As but little help can be expected from the Church Extension Society, it is recommended that the pastors of the Societies at Madison and at Mt. Vernon be authorized to solicit funds in aid of the church building, at these places.

There are other charges where help must be secured to enable the people to provide themselves with the stated ministry of the Gospel.

The Maine Conference Home Missionary Society came none too soon for the relief of these struggling Societies, some of which afford promise of a prosperous future, but which must be tided over their period of feebleness.

The removal of the people, especially from the frontier circuits, to the attractive lands of the West, or to the business centres of our own State, places our work at great disadvantage in these rural regions.

Considering this drain upon our numerical force, our Conference will do well to hold its own in numbers.

In view of these embarassing circumstances, an appropriation from the funds of the General Missionary Society might be urged with great propriety; and especially in view of the late generous legacies to this Society from deceased members of our church, within the bounds of this Conference.

Another fact demanding the attention of the church is the disappearance of Methodist Literature from the homes of our people. Our church papers have but a limited circulation. Our excellent Hymnal finds its way but slowly into our churches; our own literature, to a large extent, is supplanted by that of other publications of much inferior quality. The greater cost of our publications is very justly alleged as the cause of this state of things.

This cause ought to be removed. Our great Book Concern, with its immense patronage, should be able to defy competition and place its publications before the people at prices sufficiently moderate to remove all just grounds of complaint.

The Augusta District derives special importance from the location within its bounds, of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College. This institution, with one exception, the oldest Methodist Seminary in America, and without exception, the most useful, and one of the first to establish a college curriculum for ladies, through the generosity of its friends, has attained to a condition of financial strength and stability. The legacies of the late Samuel R. Bearce, amounting to $13,000, have recently been paid, also the legacy of the late Ammi Loring, which will probably amount to $7,000 has been paid in part. Other generous gifts are in prospect.

The total property of the institution, including buildings, land, furniture and apparatus, and including over $20,000 held in trust by the Maine Wesleyan Board of Education, cannot be less than $150,000. Still, however, a more ample endowment of this institution would greatly increase its power of usefulness. Free scholarships for the children of ministers, for all who are in course of preparation for the ministry, and for other needy and deserving students, would render the institution a much greater power for good. The sympathy and co-operation of the Conference are necessary for the prosperity of our noble Seminary. The conference has derived great advantages from it, and greater benefits are in prospect.

On the whole, the cause of the church upon the District, notwithstanding all the embarrassments enumerated, is in a healthy and progressive state.

In conclusion, I desire to enter my earnest protest against the growing practice of substituting manuscript pulpit *reading* for *preaching*. This practice is a clog upon pulpit utterance, and is generally offensive to our people. The best writers upon homiletics strongly recommend extemporaneous preaching. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, some years ago, recommended this practice by a strong

vote. Rev. Dr. Storrs, the prince of the American pulpit, preaches without manuscript. Summerfield, Cookman, Durbin, Fisk and Olin, who charmed their hearers with matchless eloquence, preached without notes. Payson, usually a sermon reader, declared that his most effective sermons were extemporaneous. In all the ages of the church, the preachers who have been celebrated for their pulpit eloquence and power, from Peter and Paul to Bishop Simpson, have been untrammeled by manuscript. And yet many of our young preachers persist in addicting themselves to pulpit reading, and thus, in the language of Dr. Abel Stevens, "put their whole professional life under a servile restraint, which not only consumes unnecessarily large amounts of time, but trammels the development of all their pulpit powers."

The great want of the church is a revival of the simplicity, unction and self-denying zeal of ancient Methodism, and a baptism of the Spirit which shall burn up the shackles, give the ministry the tongue of fire, and clothe the people with the garment of praise.

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The characters of the effective Elders on Augusta District were examined and passed.

A communication from the Philadelphia Conference relative to the Indian Policy was read and referred to a special Committee to be appointed by the Chair.

A communication from the Book Concern relative to the dividend of $163 due this Conference was presented and, on motion, a draft was ordered on the Book Concern for the same.

Notice was given that $703 had been apportioned as the amount to be raised by this Conference for the Episcopal Fund; and it was voted that the Presiding Elders apportion this amount to their several Districts, and see that the same be raised.

A Committee on Methodist Literature was ordered, and the following were elected: Ammi S. Ladd, George D. Lindsay, Andrew McKeown, Cyrus Stone and Stephen Allen.

Took up the Eighteenth Question: "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" The characters of the following passed and their relations were continued: Charles C. Cone, Caleb Fuller, Nathan C. Clifford, Charles K. Evans, Henry F. A. Patterson, James W. Smith, John Mitchell, Silas M. Emerson, Joseph Colby, Joseph Hawkes, James Nixon, John P. Cole. The character of Emerson H. McKenney passed, and his relation was changed to superannuate. The case of Delano Perry was taken up and laid over. Character of Isaac Lord passed and his relation was continued as supernumerary with work.

A request from W. J. Murphy to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church was presented and, on motion, the request was granted. The Bishop, in accordance with an agreement of the Board of Bishops to demand the parchments of members in all cases of withdrawal, requested the Presiding Elder to obtain the parchments of Bro. Murphy.

Rev. J. J. Hall, of Auburn, was introduced to the Conference, and presented the greetings of the Maine Central Free Baptist Yearly Meeting.

The Stewards reported a basis of claims, which was adopted.

The following Committee on Indian Policy was appointed by the Bishop: James M. Williams, Wilbur F. Berry, Charles Munger.

Took up the Nineteenth Question: "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" The characters of the following passed and their relation was continued:

Daniel B. Randall, John Allen, Charles W. Morse, James S. Rice, Henry L. Linscott, Christopher C. Covell, Ezekiel Smith, Jesse Stone, Joseph Gerry, John Rice, Eaton Shaw, Charles Andrews, Aaron Sanderson, Charles W. Blackman, Alpheus B. Lovewell, Joseph Mooar, Nathan Andrews, Thomas J. True. When the names of Samuel P. Blake, Abner P. Hillman and Theodore Hill were called, the announcement was made that they had deceased during the year.

It was voted at this point that a collection be taken for the benefit of Charles W. Morse: The collection was taken, amounting to $45.

The following visiting brethren were called forward and introduced to the Conference: Rev. Bro. Boothby, Lewiston City Missionary. G. S. Dickerman, pastor of Lewiston Congregational Church; F. W. Bakeman, pastor Baptist Church, Lewiston; J. B. Jordan, pastor of Free Baptist Church in this city, O. D. Patch, pastor of Main St. Free Baptist Church, Lewiston; H. C. Munson, pastor of the Universalist Church in the same city; and S. S. Cummings and N. W. Jordan, both of the N. E. Southern Conference.

F. W. Bakeman addressed the Conference in behalf of the Maine State Temperance Alliance.

Took up the Third Question: "Who remain on trial?" The characters of the following passed, their collections were stated, the Committee on Examinations reported, their cases were represented by the Presiding Elders, and they were continued on trial the second year. Charles F. Parsons, Charles S. Cummings, Herbert E. Foss, Walter Canham and Robert E. Bisbee. The character of Frank R. Butler passed and he was discontinued at his own request. Frank R. Butler was by vote requested to join this Conference at the completion of his theological studies.

Took up the Thirteenth Question: "Who are Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?" The character of Wilbur F. Berry was passed; the Committee on Examinations reported, and he was advanced to the second class.

Took up the Fourteenth Question: "What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" The characters of the following passed, the Committee on Examinations and the Presiding Elders reported on their cases and they were elected to Elder's orders. J. Albert Corey, Elwin W. Simons and David B. Holt.

The Bishop announced that the address to the class to be admitted into full connection would be made the order of the day at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Took up the Tenth Question: "What Local Preachers have been elected to Deacon's orders?" The recommendation of Cape Porpoise Quarterly Conference relative to D. R. Ford was read, his character passed, and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

A resolution was offered by Stephen Allen relative to aid for the church buildings at Mt. Vernon and Madison. Said resolution was referred to a Committee of five, consisting of the Presiding Elders, Daniel B. Randall and Ezekiel Martin.

Third Question resumed: It being ascertained that the Quarterly Conference at Island Church had recommended Charles F. Parsons for Local Deacon's orders, the Examining Committee of the First Year reported, the Presiding Elder represented his case, and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

AFTERNOON.

The meeting of the afternoon was devoted to memorial services for members, preacher's wives and widows, who had passed away during the year. Rev. Caleb Fuller presided. Ezekiel Martin read a selection of Scripture from Rev. 22; the 99th hymn was sung; and prayer was offered by John Cobb. The following memoirs were read by Kinsman Atkinson, Secretary of Committee on Memoirs.

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Samuel P. Blake, for twenty years a superannuate member of the Maine Conference, departed this life in peace, Sept. 10, 1882, in Worcester, Mass, at the advanced age of nearly fourscore years.

Bro. Blake entered the ranks of the itineracy in 1830, and for nearly thirty years faithfully prosecuted the work of the ministry, in connection with Methodism in Maine, and filling the following appointments: Bristol, Sydney, Industry, Anson, Milburn, Solon, Unity, Fairfield, Palmyra, Corinna, Pittston, Woolwich, Dresden, Durham, Rumford, Livermore, East Poland, Monmouth, Pownal, Casco Bay Islands, Bridgton, South Biddeford and Gray. In 1862 feeble health obliged him to leave the list of effective men.

Bro. Blake was a man of exemplary piety, a faithful preacher, and died at last in the triumphs of our holy religion.

Brief remarks in reference to the life and character of Bro. Blake were made by Asbury C. Trafton.

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Rev. Abner P. Hillman was born in Lincolnville, Me., July 19, 1806, and passed to the world of spirits, in Concord, Mass., Nov 19, 1882. He was the son of Samuel Hillman, a member of the New England Conference from 1806 to 1816, at which time he located, spending the remainder of his life in Monmouth, as a local preacher.

Abner was converted under the ministry of Rev. Moses Donnell, at Wiscasset, in 1829. During the spring of 1830, in the study of Rev. Moses Hill of Winthrop, after earnest prayer and strong convictions of duty, he gave himself up to preach the Gospel of the grace of God; and at the last Quarterly Meeting of Readfield circuit for 1829 and 1830, held at Monmouth, he was recommended for admission to the Maine Conference; and was received on trial, with thirteen others, by this body at its sixth annual session in Portland, June 9th, 1830.

He was ordained Deacon, July 22d, at Bucksport, by Bishop Roberts, and Elder by Bishop Hedding, at Gardiner, July 6th, 1834.

For twenty-six years he wrought in the effective ranks of the Methodist itineracy, filling the following appointments in their order:—Alfred, Otisfield, York, Scarboro, Hampden, Calais, Orrington, Winthrop, Hallowell, Brunswick, Orono, Castine, Gorham, Alfred, Bowdoinham, Skowhegan, Kennebunkport, Cape Elizabeth and Richmond. In 1856 the state of his health necessitated the change of his relation from the effective ranks to the list of superannuates, in which relation he continued a respected member of the Maine Conference to the time of his demise in the fifty-second year of his ministry, and the seventy-seventh year of his natural life.

Bro. Hillman was a man of superior culture, discriminating mind, keen sensibilities and kindly affections; and was an able preacher.

He was an earnest contender for the faith once delivered to the saints, as well as for the doctrines of our holy religion as transmitted to us from the fathers of Methodism. We trust the conscious soul of our brother mingles to-day with the spirits of just men made perfect, while his flesh awaits the resurrection of the bodies of the dead, in which he so profoundly believed.

Brief remarks were made by Joseph Hawkes.

THEODORE HILL passed from the ranks of superannuates to the hosts triumphant March 2d, 1883, aged 76.

He was born in Exeter, N. H., Oct. 6, 1807. In Norwich, Conn., at the age of twenty-two, where he was employed as a journeyman hatter, he was powerfully awakened to a sense of his soul's danger and need by a sermon from the noted J. N. Maffitt, and not long after was led, as he believed, by the Holy Spirit, to a Methodist prayer meeting, where he received instruction and encouragement which, after some days, wrestling in prayer, resulted in his conversion from the loose religious notions and irregular habits contracted in early life. His conversion was genuine, thorough and permanent in its results.

His convictions regarding his habits of smoking and drinking were clear, and so strong that they not only led to the immediate and final abandonment of them by him, but made him the persistent and life-long enemy of these habits in others.

At an early date in his Christian experience his attention was called to the doctrine of entire sanctification, or perfect love, and he became an earnest seeker for this inestimable blessing. At length, at a camp meeting near New Market, N. H., while bowed in prayer, the experience he sought came upon him, to use his own language, "like a flame of fire," and his subsequent life of patient and heroic suffering and self-denial in the service of his Master, proved this to be no evanescent flame of transient fire, but an inspiring, controlling and abiding power from Heaven.

In 1831, he came to Maine and wrought at his trade in Waterville and other places on the Kennebec.

In 1834, he was married to Miss Susannah W. Hitchins, an estimable lady, who still survives, yet in great feebleness.

In 1835, he was licensed as a local preacher, and the following year was admitted on trial to the Maine Conference, of which he remained a member, with the exception of five years in the East Maine Conference, till the time of his decease. During his years of effective service he filled the following appointments: Palmyra, Anson, Unity, Castine, Belfast, Searsmont, Thomaston, Mercer, Norridgewock, Readfield New Portland, Wayne, and Saco and Biddeford Mission. From 1869 the state of his companion's health compelled him to take a supernumerary relation, where he labored as opportunity offered till January, 1877, when he was smitten with paralysis and at the ensuing Conference his name was placed among the superannuates. From this time he gradually declined, and after six years of prostration, and patient suffering, he passed peacefully to his rest.

Bro. Hill had a strong will, and an impulsive nature. He was faithful and fearless, yet kind and sympathetic. He fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished his course, with a joyful hope of an immortal crown.

Ezekiel Martin spoke briefly of the life and work of Bro. Hill.

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Sarah Bell, wife of Charles K. Evans, died Mar. 8, 1883. Fitting and appreciative remarks were made by David B. Holt and John M. Woodbury.

Lydia Ann, wife of H. F. A. Patterson, died May 20, 1882. Joseph Colby spoke briefly, but feelingly, of Sister Patterson's life and character.

Sophia W., wife of Seba F. Wetherbee, died June 16, 1882. An excellent obituary notice, written by Rev. Wm. McDonald, of the N. E. Conference, and previously published in Zion's Herald, was read by George D. Lindsay.

Olive C. widow of Daniel Fuller, died July 7, 1882. Joseph Colby spoke briefly of Sister Fuller's life.

Abby, widow of Paul C. Richmond died May 6, 1882. Andrew McKeown, in well-chosen words, briefly described the last illness and the death of Sister Richmond.

Sarah J., widow of Heman Nickerson, died May 8, 1882. Brief remarks relative to to this sister's character and life were made by Eaton Shaw.

This service was concluded by the singing of the 1053 hymn, and the Benediction by Stephen Allen.

At 4 P. M. occurred the Anniversary of the N. E. Historical Society. Stephen Allen presiding. The services opened with the singing of "I love thy kingdom Lord." Opening remarks were made by the chairman, who then introduced Dr. Charles F. Allen. The speaker set forth briefly the objects and work of the society and urged its importance upon the Conference. An interesting history of Kent's Hill Seminary was then given by Henry P. Torsey, D. D.

EVENING.

At 7.30 P. M. the Anniversary of the Domestic Missionary Society was held, Dr. Stephen Allen' presiding. The meeting opened with singing, "Rock of Ages," &c. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. F. Farrington, of the N. E. Southern Conference. The work, importance and needs of the Society were presented by the following speakers: C. F. Allen, W. S. Jones, Andrew McKeown and Wm. F. Farrington.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, April 27.

The opening religious services were conducted by Elwin W. Simons.

The Bishop took the chair at 9 o'clock.

Papers relative to Indian Affairs, Education, and Bible Cause, were referred to their appropriate committees.

The Committee on Church Extension presented the following report, which was adopted.

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CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, The great work of the church is to spread scriptural holiness over these lands, and that, for the more complete and permanent success in saving souls, the church edifice has become an indispensable necessity. Therefore—

Resolved, 1. That the work of the Church Extension Society, in its efforts to aid weak and feeble societies in securing more and better church accommodations, commends itself to the confidence and hearty support of the church.

Resolved, 2. That we will always gladly welcome the Secretary, Dr. Kynett, and the Assistant Secretary, Dr. McCabe, to the sessions of our Conference, and give them our earnest cooperation.

Resolved, 3. That we pledge ourselves as pastors, to bring the claims of this Society before our several charges, and urge it as a duty devolving upon every member of the church, to aid in this noble work of Church Extension.

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Leave of absence was granted the select number to sit during the session of the Conference.

Fixing the seat of the next Conference was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Indian Policy was presented and adopted as follows: being same adopted by Philadelphia Conference.

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INDIAN POLICY—PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

GOOD FAITH.—Never break faith with the Indians.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Keep all intruders out of the territory; continue the self-government of the civilized tribes; let them regulate their own land tenure.

LAW.—Enact suitable laws to protect life and property on reservations; make them flexible in detail; administer them through Department orders approved by the President; promptly and rigidly enforce them; individualize the punishment of crime; never hold the tribe liable for the crimes of its members; organize an efficient Indian police force on every reservation.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT.—Create a separate Indian Department under a civilian secretary; grant plenary emergency powers to the President; have all agencies frequently inspected by appointees of the President, well paid and unconnected with the Indian Department; carefully regulate the powers and duties of Indian Agents; give them permanent positions and liberal salaries; keep them free from political influence; let their subordinates be appointed by the Department; all questions of general policy and treatment to be settled by the Department; no individual experiments by theoretical agents to be permitted; abolish all privileged tradership; absolutely destroy all traffic in liquors; control the sale of arms and ammunition; in all else let there be free trade; let all military posts be maintained separate and apart from the Indian villages, and preserve absolute non-intercourse between the soldiers and the Indians.

NO REMOVALS.—Remove no more tribes except where the soil and climate require it and the change is voluntary; civilize the Indians where they are.

EDUCATION.—Educate the entire Indian reservation population; teach the children in boarding manual-labor schools on the reservations; make them farmers and graziers; give all the bands an abundance of cattle; teach them trades; instruct them in the laws of health; show them how to live; neutralize the influence of the medicine man; make work compulsory.

LANDS IN SEVERALTY.—On reservations divide lands in severalty as soon as Indians can farm them; make them inalienable and non-taxable for a time; sell the surplus lands for the benefit of the tribe; elsewhere grant government lands in severalty (on same terms) to all Indians who can cultivate them.

CITIZENSHIP.—Give citizenship to all self-supporting Indians who ask it.

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Took up the Second Question: "Who are admitted on trial?" the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Shapleigh, relative to A. Hamilton and that of the Maryland Ridge Quarterly Conference relating to S. T. Record, were presented.

The Committees on Examination and Admission to Conference reported in regard to these brethren, the Presiding Elder represented their cases, and they were admitted on trial.

The following resolution concerning Charles Munger's missionary sermon was adopted.

Resolved, That Bro. Charles Munger be and is hereby requested to have published through some medium his very excellent missionary sermon preached before the Conference on Wednesday evening last, that it may be available to the preachers for study and distribution among our people.

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The report of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce was presented, and upon amendment adopted as follows:

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

In so important a matter as the consummation and severance of the marital relation it is important that the teaching of the church and the administration of law agree. Contradictions should not be created by finical teaching by the church or by wrong enactments of the law. When these two completely harmonize, then we can hope for the greatest safety to the morals of married life. When these two disagree, the teaching of the church cannot come to the law of the State, but the law of the State must come to the teaching of the church.

The teaching of the church must guard marriage on every side, it must emphasize the true conditions on which it can be contracted, the unity of sympathy, interest and aim that shall mark its continuance, and finally declare the only conditions on which it can be either annulled or severed. The annulling of marriages, and the divorcement of the married can only be accomplished for cause; and these causes either as existing prior to marriage, or as created subsequent to marriage, come under the cognizance of the moral teaching of the church.

Much married infelicity would be prevented if many marriages were never consummated, as not every person is a candidate for married life. The teaching of the church must aim, among other things, to fit men and women for the usual relations of this life: it must declare the unalterable truth, not only to parents and children, to husbands and wives, but also to the unmarried and those proposing to marry.

The law may declare the barriers to marriage, existing in degrees of relationship, physicial incapacity, immaturity of age, or previous condition of marriage or divorcement. The church must sanction these reasonable restrictions. Beyond these are conditions of morals, intelligence, temperaments, health and industry, wherein the church must be influential through its teachings lest worthless and base men and women, through short lived passional attraction, contract marriage that must ultimately result in separations and divorces.

The causes and processes of divorces must come under the teaching of the church. Their alarming frequency challenges the church to use its influence to counteract them. The varied causes of divorce, named in statutory law, as against the permissible cause of the sacred canon, and the rigid exclusiveness of the older laws, reveal to us a modern danger. That ancient Rome permitted voluntary divorce may account for many of the immoralities by the weight of which its form of civilization fell. The sacred guarding of the marriage relation by christianity may tend to perpetuate christian civilization.

The *Laws of Maine*, though improved by recent amendments, now permit divorce for "adultery, impotency, extreme cruelty, utter desertion, continued for three consecutive years, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, cruel and abusive treatment, or on the part of the wife, where the husband being of sufficient ability, grossly or wantonly and cruelly, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for her." The *Law of Christian morals* provides for divorce by the words of the Saviour, "whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery." And, "whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery." And, "whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." This prescribes the only cause of divorce in christian morals. The remarriage of the divorced is also prohibited. "Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another committeth adultery against her; and if any woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery." These teachings the church defends. Further than this the church cannot go.

Resolved, 1. The influence of the church must be brought to bear upon the State until statute law in regard to divorce shall conform to christian morals.

Resolved, 2. That we believe it to be reprehensible on the part of our ministers to solemnize any marriage where there is just ground for suspicion that either one of the parties has been divorced for any cause except for a breach of the seventh commandment.

Resolved, 3. That the church must instruct the conscience of the people until their habits shall conform to its teachings.

Resolved, 4. That divorce except for adultery is an offence against morals that should debar from church membership.

The Committee on Bible Cause presented the following report which was adopted.

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BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible we believe to be a divine revelation given by God to man. That in it is found the only foundation, for religious faith and practice. We hail with joy and hope the increasing circulation of the Bible both in our own and foreign lands. Furthermore, we express our confidence in the American Bible Society as the best organization to carry the word of life to all nations and people, therefore—

Resolved. 1. That we will present its claims to our people.

Resolved. 2. That we will aid in every possible way to circulate the Holy Scriptures.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented, discussed and laid on the table, it was finally made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The order of the day as announced by the Bishop yesterday was entered upon.

Took up the Fifth Question: "Who are admitted into full connection?" The class consisting of W. F. Holmes, T. F. Jones, J. M. Frost and J. H. Snow was called forward, "A charge to keep I have," &c., was sung and prayer offered by C. J. Clark. The Bishop in an eloquent address then urged upon the class the duty and importance of "preaching the Word."

The usual disciplinary questions were then propounded and satisfactorily answered. The character of W. F. Holmes passed, and he was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders. The case of T. F. Jones was brought up, and pending the discussion, a special committee was ordered for conferring with Bro. Jones and reporting to-morrow. On motion, the following were appointed by the chair: C. Munger, G. F. Cobb, H. P. Torsey and J. M. Williams.

The vote making T. Whittier supernumerary was rescinded leaving him in the effective relation.

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The Trustees of the Maine Conference made the following report: We have in our hands $391.31 to be distributed as follows:

To the Maine Conference,.....	$303.31
" " East Maine Conference,.....	88.00

Moved that the Stewards draw on the Trustees for the total amount, and pay to the East Maine Conference its apportionment.

AFTERNOON.

The Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society occurred at 2.30, P. M. Dr. J. C. Hartzell presided. After singing by the choir, Mrs. B. Freeman read the Scriptures, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Nathan C. Clifford. The Secretary of the Conference Auxiliary, Mrs M. G. Leavitt, presented her report; after which Dr. Hartzell introduced the speaker, Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin, who delivered an earnest address on woman's opportunity and work in this department of the church.

At the close of these services the annual meeting of the Maine Conference Missionary Society was held, and officers elected for the year.

EVENING.

At 7.30 P. M., the Temperance Anniversary was held in City Hall, Enos T. Adams presiding. Stirring and practical addresses were given by Rev. M. C. Pendexter, Rev. F. W. Bakeman, Hon. Nelson Dingley and Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 28.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Stephen Allen. The business session opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., with the Bishop in the chair.

Parker Jaques was granted a supernumerary relation.

Voted, That we request the appointment of Henry P. Torsey as Financial Agent of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College; also that John H. Pillsbury be appointed as teacher in the High School, Springfield, Mass.

It was voted that the relation of John P. Cole and Nathan C. Clifford, already fixed as supernumerary, be changed to supernumerary with work.

The Committee on Methodist Literature presented their report which, after amendment by striking out all relating to Zion's Herald, was adopted as follows:

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METHODIST LITERATURE.

Resolved, 1. That our people, both ministry and laity, should be impressed with a profound conviction of the vast importance of a sound and vigorous denominational literature, that the youth of the denomination may thereby be instructed in its doctrines, doings and polity, and bound to it as only those thus instructed are.

Resolved, 2. That to take into our homes or Sunday Schools the books and periodicals of other denominations or private enterprises, inferior often in quality and moral tone to those of our own, in preference to our own, is not only disloyalty to the church, and suicidal ecclesiastically, but is also to inflict a lasting injury, in the way of deprivation, on those entrusted to our care.

Resolved, 3. That in the judgment of your Committee the issues of our Book Concern are too costly, especially the Hymnal and the Sunday School books; and that it ought to be possible for the Concern, with its vast resources, to compete successfully, both as to styles and prices, with any publishing house in the land. We respectfully commend this judgment of our Conference to the favorable consideration of our Agents and Book Committee.

Resolved, 4. That the Methodists of New England ought to be able and willing to support at least one weekly religious newspaper, of such grade as shall command our suffrages, and that to cheapen it in price so that it shall not properly and ably represent the denomination would be an unwise policy.

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Resumed the Fifth Question: The Committee reported in the case of T. F. Jones that it was deemed expedient to have Bro. Jones appear before the Conference and state his views relative to the point in question. Conference so voted and Bro. Jones was called forward and briefly stated his views concerning the resurrection.

The various Committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented the cases and the following were admitted to full connection and elected to Deacon's orders: Thomas F. Jones, Joshua M. Frost and Joseph H. Snow.

Resumed the Tenth Question : "What Local preachers have been elected to Deacon's orders?" The recommendation from New Portland and New Vineyard Quarterly Conference on behalf of J. P. Roberts was presented. The Committee on Examinations reported, the Presiding Elder represented the case and Bro. Roberts was elected to Deacon's orders.

Voted to take up the order of the day. The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up, discussed at length, and finally laid on the table.

The order of the day relative to fixing the seat of the next Conference was taken up. The invitation of Wesley Church, Bath, was presented and unanimously accepted.

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid was read and adopted as follows:

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FREEDMEN'S AID.

There are nearly seven millions of negroes in our midst, and they are here to stay; six millions of which are in the South. Nearly one million of these negroes are voters, eighty per cent. of whom cannot read the ballots they cast.

There is also a dense illiteracy among millions of the white people of the South. The Freedmen's Aid Society is the most effective agency by which these illiterate masses can be reached, educated and christianized.

The million dollars invested by the Freedmen's Aid Society in the South, in the past sixteen years, has produced greater results for God and humanity than can be shown by any *foreign missionary* agency.

Our church has a membership of over four hundred thousand in the South, and this membership looks chiefly to the schools of this Society for teachers and preachers.

This Society has under its care, and is *supporting* among the *negroes* of the South, twenty-five institutions of learning in which are three thousand five hundred young men and women.

During the past year the attendance has been larger, the number of teachers employed greater, and the buildings erected and *begun* are better and more in number than during any *previous* year.

Among the white people in the South eighteen seminaries and colleges have grown up since the war, and have been put by the General Conference under the supervision of this Society which has strongly and wisely done all in its power to enlarge and develop them. In these eighteen schools of high grade are three thousand young men and women.

This Society is thus made the Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the whole South, where are one-third of the nation's population, and nearly one-fourth the entire membership of the church. Already it has in charge forty-three institutions of learning located in the chief centres of the South; and *in these institutions* are six thousand five hundred students. At the same time the necessity and opportunities for enlarged work are increasing.

As a Conference, we have never given this Society its proper rank, but have practically considered it of less importance than those Societies which may successfully prosecute their work with much smaller means. Therefore—

Resolved, 1. That we consider it our duty as Methodist preachers to obey our discipline by presenting this cause and taking the collection; also by elevating it to its proper rank in our thoughts and affections.

Resolved, 2. That we consider it our duty as patriotic citizens to assist in the education of the illiterate masses of the South, without regard to race or color.

Resolved, 3. That we consider it our duty as christian *ministers* to extend our aid and sympathy to the Freedmen's Aid Society, as the most economical and effective evangelizing agency at work for the redemption of the South.

Resolved, 4. That in view of the action of the last General Conference enlarging the work of this Society to include the educational work of our church among the twelve millions of white people in the South, as well as among the six millions of negroes, we believe that the name of the Society should be changed to Southern Educational Society, or to something which will correctly indicate its great work.

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Rev. J. C. Hartzell, Assistant Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference in the interests of the Society.

On motion, it was voted that the Domestic Missionary Society be requested to grant $200 to Auburn Charge, subject to conditions named.

AFTERNOON.

The Anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Society occurred at 2.30, P. M., True P. Adams presiding. The opening religious exercises were conducted by Charles C. Cone. The speakers on this occasion were Rev. J. M. Williams and Dr. J. C. Hartzell.

EVENING.

The Church Extension Anniversary was held in the evening. Dr. Andrew McKeown presided. Prayer was offered by J. Hawkes. In the absence of Chaplain McCabe who had been announced, the hour was occupied by Dr. Charles F. Allen, Onsville H. Stevens and C. H. Fowler, D. D.

SUNDAY.

The Conference services were held in City Hall. From 9 to 10.30, A. M., the annual love feast was held, conducted by Stephen Allen. The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., was sung. The Scriptures were read and prayer offered by John Allen. Nearly one hundred ministers and members confessed their love for Christ. The usual annual collection for the superannuated preachers was taken, amounting to $84.84.

At 10.30 the Bishop announced the hymn, "O, for a thousand tongues to sing," &c., which was sung by the choir and congregation, after which prayer was offered by Bro. C. W. Morse. The Bishop took for his text Acts 5: 32: "And we are his witnesses of these things," and in a discourse of marvellous eloquence and power showed conclusively that christianity submits itself to the decisive tests of *experiment;* we may with certainty know God and the fact of our salvation.

At the close of the sermon the following were ordained Deacons: Wilbur F. Holmes, Joshua M. Frost, Thomas F. Jones, Joseph H. Snow, Charles F. Parsons, Daniel R. Ford and John P. Roberts.

AFTERNOON.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Dr. C. H. Fowler delivered a missionary address, based on Dan. 2: 35. "And the stone, &c." in which he presented the facts, the needs and the promise of the missionary work. At the close of the address, Joseph A. Corey, Elwin W. Simons, and David B. Holt, were ordained Elders.

EVENING.

The meeting of the evening at 7.30 was held in the interests of the Home Mission work, particularly in the South, as distinguished from the Foreign work, and was addressed by Drs. Hartzell and Fowler.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, April 30.

Session opened at 8.30, A. M., with devotional exercises conducted by Charles W. Morse. By request of the Bishop, Charles Munger took the chair at 9 o'clock, to hear reports.

The following report was adopted:

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OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

WHEREAS for manifold and manifest reasons there is an alarming and increasing looseness in the views and practices of even many professedly christian people in reference to the sanctity of the Sabbath; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That we will heartily co-operate with all other Christian bodies in all measures, which seem to us to be wise and practicable, that they may adopt to secure a proper observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, 2. That we will preach upon the subject during the coming Conference year, and in other ways that we may deem wise we will endeavor to properly educate our people upon this important matter.

Resolved, 3. That we will recommend to all our camp-meeting committees and associations to do all they can consistently to discourage the running of cars and boats on the Sabbath, for the accommodation of the people who wish to attend our camp-meetings.

The report on Temperance was taken up and, after further amendment, was adopted as follows:—

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TEMPERANCE.

The Maine Conference has given forth no uncertain sound on the temperance question heretofore, both in its passed resolves as a body, and in its individual utterances in the fields of its ministerial work. The Conference has ever been intensely hostile to the liquor traffic, and the beverage use of all alcoholic drinks, together with the use of stimulating drugs and tobacco. And while some might think it sufficient that we re-affirm our past resolves on this great question, yet we think that the signs of the times demand (if possible) stronger resolves than have ever been passed before. Therefore your Committee would present the following:

Resolved, 1. That we accept the latest conclusions of science as to the nature of alcohol, that it is a deadly poison, and should be labelled as such, and never taken into the human system, except in very few cases as a medicine.

Resolved, 2. That the use of alcoholic drinks, stimulating drugs and tobacco, for the gratification of appetite, is a sin against God and humanity.

Resolved, 3. That we hail with joy the success achieved in some of the States in securing constitutional prohibitory acts, and that we will pray for the time to come speedily when every State constitutionally shall utter its stern decree against this gigantic evil.

Resolved, 4. That we hail with profound thankfulness the action of our State Legislature at its recent session, submitting to the voters of Maine the Constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; thus giving the people of Maine the privilege of settling the temperance question within its borders once for all, taking it from the arena of politics, with all its fluctuations and uncertainties.

Resolved, 5. That we will preach upon this subject, showing the advantages of the amendment, and that we will do all we can in other legitimate ways to secure the same.

Resolved, 6. That we heartily endorse the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of our State, and recognize in their practical efforts, along gospel and educational lines, carried forward in humble dependence upon God, one sure promise of the future.

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On motion a collection amounting to $46 was taken to defray the expenses of sexton, Secretary, use of City Hall for Sabbath services, &c.

During the taking of this collection the Bishop took the chair.

Resumed the Third Question: And Milton S. Vail, a Missionary in Japan, was continued on trial, as no report of his having passed his studies had been received.

Resumed the Eighteenth Question: And the relation of Delano Perry was continued as supernumerary.

The Select Committee presented the following report in case of David W. Le-Lacheur:—

The Committee find the first and second specifications under the first charge sustained and the charge sustained. They found the first specification under the second charge not sustained; the second specification sustained and the charge sustained.

Said Committee fixed the penalty in case of said David W LeLacheur—suspension for one year from the work and office of a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion, the Conference voted to listen to a request of David W. Le Lacheur, and he requested permission to withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Bishop stated that he supposed that such a request from a minister could not be granted while said minister is under sentence of suspension.

A second request was allowed and he announced that he declared himself withdrawn from this date from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Bishop explained that while a member might declare himself withdrawn yet he could not be withdrawn except with the consent of the Conference.

The relation of David W. LeLacheur was continued as supernumerary. Stephen Allen was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

David W. LeLacheur was by vote permitted to address the Conference.

Report of Committee on Auburn was presented, but after discussion it was recommitted. Certificate of Ordination was read.

Treasurer of Maine Conference Missionary Society presented report of monies received by him.

Report of Committee on Zion's Herald was presented and adopted.

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ZION'S HERALD.

Resolved, 1. That we have undiminished confidence in the ability and usefulness of Zion's Herald. It has for sixty years been an honor to New England Methodism. It has defended the church against her enemies from within and without. In the days of peril to our New England Methodism during the anti-slavery discussion and spread of Millerism, Zion's Herald was always loyal to the church, defending her against secession and at the same time bearing a faithful and unwavering testimony against slavery, the "sum of all villainies." Standing firmly for the unity and perpetuity of our nation in her late civil strife—defending the doctrines and polity of the church against liberalism, Millerism and all kindred errors, and at the same time leading the church on to permanency and elevation in christian life, intellect and experience. We, therefore, cheerfully and heartily commend Zion's Herald to the patronage of our people. It is moreover embalmed in our heart's affections as it is associated with the memory of our beloved but departed Bishops, Gilbert and Erastus O. Haven, who were formerly among its able editors.

Resolved, 2. That the ability and earnest self-sacrificing labor of the noble men composing the Boston Wesleyan Association in sustaining at great personal pecuniary risk Zion's Herald, in times of great financial embarrassment, when but for their support it must have died, is worthy of our heartiest commmendation. And we look with pride to the Wesleyan Building, on Bromfield Street, Boston, as well an honor to New England Methodism as to the shrewdness, good judgment and self-sacrificing spirit of the members of the Association. This building is a center of attraction to all New England Methodists. We think the time is not far distant when the income from Zion's Herald as well as the rents from the building will form no inconsiderable sum to the several annual conferences in New England, towards sustaining their benevolent enterprises, but especially in affording help to the needy preachers of the several Conferences.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend to the Association to reduce the subscription price of Zion's Herald to two dollars to actual subscribers, and one dollar per year to the preachers who act as agents for it, this to be in full consideration for their agency.

Bro. A. S. Weed, publisher of Zion's Herald, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of the paper.

Leave was granted the Committee on Auburn Church to retire and prepare their report.

Dr. C. H. Fowler, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduceda nd addressed the Conference.

The Stewards made their report of amount to be paid the different beneficiaries of Conference, (See Disciplinary Questions 30 and 31 on page 34,) which was adopted and the money was distributed in open Conference.

Announcement was made that the widow of Reuel F. French had deceased. The report of the Stewards was therefore reconsidered and amended by granting discretionary power to the Stewards in case of Mrs. French's apportionment. The report as amended was then adopted.

Report of Committee on Auburn church was presented amended and adopted.

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AUBURN CHURCH AND CHURCH AID SOCIETY.

Resolved, 1. That we recommend the formation of a Church Aid Society within the bounds of the Maine Conference, to advise and assist in the building of churches in those localities where aid is needed.

Resolved, 2. That Bro. Ira G. Sprague be designated a committee to secure the organization of said Society.

Resolved, 3. That the case of the Auburn church be recommended for special consideration to that Society, when formed.

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The following resolution relative to Education was presented by A. McKeown and adopted.

WHEREAS, The census reports of 1880 show that there are in the United States over 6,250,000 persons ten years of age and over, who cannot write, among whom are nearly 2,000,000 voters, and—

WHEREAS, The stability of the republic depends upon the intelligence of the masses, and especially of those whose votes elect our rulers:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the growing sentiment throughout the country in favor of the national government extending supplemental aid to common school education, in the various States, in proportion to their number of illiterates, as proposed in the United States Senate bill introduced by Hon. H. W. Blair, of New Hampshire.

A communication was received from the High street, Congregational Church in Auburn, thanking the Conference for the supply for their pulpit on the Sabbath, Dr. C. F. Allen, and enclosing $20 for the benefit of the superannuated preachers. A vote of thanks was extended to them for their generous gift.

The nominations and appointment of various committees and visitors was made and confirmed.

Request was made by the Conference that Nathan C. Clifford be appointed as Tract Agent.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College at thei rlast meeting elected Rev. Ed.gar M. Smith President of that Institution and whereas Bro. Smith, has entered upon his duties therefore—

Resolved. That we heartily welcome Bro. Smith home and respectfully request the Bishop to transfer him to the Maine Conference and appoint him President of our Seminary and College.

Bro. Smith expressed his thanks for the welcome and accepted the invitation to be transferred to this Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Edgar M. Smith from Central New York Conference.

On motion it was voted that the pastors of the churches of Madison and Mt. Vernon be authorized to canvass in Augusta District, and the pastors of the churches at Old Orchard, Kezar Falls and North Conway in Portland District for aid in building their churches.

The report of Committee on Education was presented and laid on the table.

Bro. Smith President of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College addressed the Conference in the interests of the School.

Voted to adjourn to meet at 1.30 P. M. Adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON.

Conference called to order at 1.30 P. M., Bishop in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by AndrewMcKeown. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was presented without reading and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up and adopted.

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MAINE WESLEYAN SEMINARY AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution is fairly entitled to the first place in our affections, both because of our relation to it as a Conference, and because of its usefulness, past, present and prospective. The present year may be regarded as a crisis in its history, because of the retirement from the presidency of one so long identified with its interests, H. P. Torsey, D. D., L. L. D. Its continued prosperity affords gratifying proof that, strong as was the hold of this remarkable educator upon the church, that of the cause of education is still stronger.

The statistical report of the institution is about the same as last year, except that the legacy of the late Ammi S. Loring, of Yarmouth, amounting to between seven and eight thousand dollars, has been received by the Trustees, and also that of the late S. R. Bearce, of Lewiston, amounting to $13,500. Of this last sum, $1,000 is for the benefit of the Library, and $2,000 for the aid of young men preparing for the ministry. The present interest bearing endowment is not less than $60,000. Measures have been adopted by the Trustees and vigorously pushed by the agent, to secure the erection of a house for the use of the President of the Seminary. $2,000 has already been subscribed for that purpose by a liberal trustee, and it is hoped that the house may be completed during the coming season.

The number of students by aggregate of terms for 1881–2 was 513, and for the present year will be somewhat larger. There are 23 young ladies in the College course. The religious interest during the year has been excellent, and the present term has been characterized by a gracious revival, in which not less than twenty of our best young men and women have entered upon the christian life.

Our Seminary and College is confronted by one grave danger;—its success may cause it to be forgotten. Large prosperity upon the part of such an institution implies large needs and large claims upon the generosity of the people. The growing

demands of the age will call for new buildings and new appliances, an enlarged corps of teachers, enlarged departments and an enlarged endowment. Maine has to furnish educators, not only for her own people and, in large measure, for all the rest of the Union, but for other lands and for all creation. Having obtained a leading position among the institutions of the State, it is our duty to continue at the front. In order that we may do this, the enthusiastic support of both ministers and members is needed. The Trustees have already taken measures to avail themselves of the coming Centenary to add to the funds of the Seminary. We would suggest that the churches of the Conference might show their pastors a substantial favor by establishing free scholarships for the benefit of the sons and daughters of ministers.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

With its munificent endowment, increased facilities for imparting the best instruction, and the provision made for free scholarships, this noble institution should have a large increase of students. The fund for the maintenance of forty scholarships to be awarded to those who by competitive examinations prove themselves most worthy of assistance in their academic career, makes it possible for the poor boy who has in him the elements of higher manhood, to push his way through College. We deem it important that every pastor should encourage worthy young men to secure the advantages so generously presented.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

This rapidly growing institution commends itself more and more every year to the patronage of our people. The several departments are well manned, and to persons training for the various professions offer advantages unexcelled by any other institution in the land. Jacob Sleeper Hall, recently completed for the use of the School of liberal arts, is a model for taste and convenience. Sixty-four new scholarships, of $100 each, have recently been established for the benefit of students of this department.

The School of Theology is doing a grand work in training young men for the ministry. Its students are spoken for by various Conferences long before their graduation. The Maine Conference should do all in its power to induce and to help young men having the ministry in view to avail themselves of the benefits of this School of the Prophets; and then should use every proper encouragement to persuade its graduates to take work within the bounds of our Conference.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education, established by the General Conference, sends us an encouraging and significant report. During the eight years of its activity it has aided by loans more than nine hundred students, of whom twenty-three have already gone out into missionary fields, and one hundred and fifty-eight have entered the itinerant ministry, while a large proportion are still in the school. As yet, only one-fourth of the churches have taken the Children's Day collection, yet $15,000 were contributed by these in 1882 for the Children's Fund. How grand results will follow when every charge in the Methodist Episcopal Church shall fall into line.

This Board asks us to take some action with reference to our Centenary of 1884—the Centenary of the organization of our Church. The Bishops recommend that "the chief object of our connectional offerings be the cause of Education." They specify: 1st, the Board of Education; 2d, the Freedmen's Aid Society; 3d, Theological Schools; 4th, such Seminaries, Colleges and Universities as shall be selected by the several Annual Conferences.

In compliance with the request of the Board of Education and the advice of the Bishops your Committee recommend the appointment of a Conference Centenary Committee to devise and put into execution such plans as they may deem wise for the observance of the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, 1. That we gladly recognize Lasell Seminary as an institution for young ladies where they may receive an excellent practical education, and we cordially recommend it to the patronage of such of our people as prefer for their daughters an unmixed school.

Resolved, 2. That Andrew McKeown and wife be appointed visitors to this institution.

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The Centenary Committee were nominated and appointed, consisting of the following members:

Edgar M. Smith, Charles F. Allen, Charles J. Clark, Abel W. Pottle, Henry P. Torsey, Parker Jaques, J. J. Perry.

The following resolution was offered by Stephen Allen:

WHEREAS, It is highly important that our excellent Seminary at Kent's Hill should be held in close and vital sympathy with this Conference, therefore—

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Trustees of that institution, to allow this Conference the privilege of nominating from time to time, one or more persons as candidates for vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, so that alternate vacancies in said Board may be chosen from the candidates so nominated.

J. P. Magee was introduced to the Conference and addressed it in the interests of the Book Concern.

The following resolution relative to Metropolitan Church was adopted:

This Conference at its last session voted unanimously to raise the sum of $250, towards liquidating the debt on the above Church. And inasmuch as only about half that amount has been handed in—

Resolved, That all those charges that have not paid the amount appropriated, viz., three cents a member, be requested to raise the amount and send it through their pastor to George D. Lindsay at their earliest opportunity.

Reference was made to the situation of the Metropolitan Church by the Bishop.

On motion a resolution relative to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of M. E. Church was adopted.

WHEREAS, There has been organized a Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church with its head quarters at Cincinnati, O., the purpose of which is to labor among the ignorant and needy women of our own land—

Resolved, That while no formal organization of a Conference Society has been made, we heartily approve of the organization and work of this Society, and we approve of all appropriate efforts made by local societies or members in this direction.

Resolutions of thanks to the Bishop for his able, dignified and courteous manner as a presiding officer—to the Pastor and members of Hammond Street Church and to the people of Lewiston and Auburn for their hospitality in entertaining the Conference—to the Secretaries—to the Presiding Elders—to the Railroad Secretary and to the Railroad furnishing reduced rates, were adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That on the retirement from the Presidency of Kent's Hill Seminary and Female College of Rev. Henry P. Torsey, L. L. D. after a most successful management of the School for 38 years, it affords us great pleasure as a Conference to put on record our high appreciation of his long and valuable services in the cause of christian education.

The Secretary and his first assistant were appointed a Committee to publish Minutes.

The following was presented as the report of the Domestic Missionary Society.

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MAINE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Whole Amount in the Treasury.....$1000.00

Appropriated as follows:

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

Fryeburg	$50.00	Conway Centre	$25.00
Kezar Falls	50 00	Hiram	25.00
Ogunquit	25.00	Saco Ferry	25.00
Portland West End	25.00	Discretionary	83.00
Old Orchard	25.00		
Total			333.00

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LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Auburn	$200.00	East Poland	$20.00
Andover	40.00	Discretionary	33.00
Oxford	40.00		
Total			$333.00

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AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Oakland	$50 00	New Portland	$20.00
N. Anson and Madison	50.00	Leeds	20.00
Phillips, &c	50.00	Livermore	20 00
Mt. Vernon	40.00	Discretionary	43.00
Kingfield	40.00		
Total			$333.00

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Voted, That when the appointments are read the Conference stand adjourned without day.

Minutes were read and approved.

The closing services commenced by singing "A charge to keep I have," Parker Jaques offered prayer, the Bishop made fitting remarks, the appointments were read and the 59th session of the Maine Annual Conference adjourned.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE AND OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

President.

BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D.

Secretary—GEORGE C. ANDREWS. Statistical Secretary—W. S. JONES.
Financial Secretary—ABEL W. POTTLE. Historical Secretary—CHARLES J. CLARK.
Assistant Secretaries—WILBUR F. HOLMES, J. ALBERT COREY.

Preachers' Aid Society.

President—ELEAZER W. HUTCHINSON.
Vice President—PARKER JAQUES. Secretary—ISRAEL LUCE.
Treasurer—CHARLES J. CLARK.

MANAGERS.

JOHN B. COYLE, ADAM LEMONT, SAMUEL PATTERSON.
Auditor—JOHN B. COYLE.

Conference Missionary Society.

President—BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D.

Vice President—ROSCOE SANDERSON. Secretary—WALTER S. McINTIRE.
Treasurer—ALPHEUS B. LOVEWELL.

MANAGERS.

CHARLES C. CONE, JOHN B. LAPHAM, HEZEKIAH CHASE, ALVRA HATCH, CHARLES F. ALLEN.
Auditors—WILLIAM S. JONES, ABEL W. POTTLE.

Board of Church Extension.

President—J. B. DONNELL, Portland. Vice President—JOSEPH A. LOCKE, Portland.
Cor. Secretary—W. W. BALDWIN, Woodford's. Treasurer and Rec. Secretary—JAMES NOYES.

MANAGERS.

JOSEPH COLBY, TRUE P. ADAMS, FRANCIS A. SMITH, B. M. EASTMAN, TRUE WHITTIER, H. H. SHAW.

Trustees of Conference.

President—DANIEL B. RANDALL. Secretary—ROSCOE SANDERSON.
Treasurer—WILLIAM S. JONES. Auditor—STEPHEN ALLEN.

PARKER JAQUES, EZEKIEL MARTIN, SEBA F. WETHERBEE, ABEL W. POTTLE, CHARLES F. ALLEN.

Domestic Missionary Society.

President—STEPHEN ALLEN.
Vice President—EZEKIEL MARTIN. Secretary—ABEL W. POTTLE.
Treasurer—J. B. DONNELL.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE PRESIDING ELDERS, ISRAEL LUCE, SEBA F. WETHERBEE, E. R. DRUMMOND, JOSEPH A. LOCKE, JAMES NOYES, B. M. EASTMAN.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Charles F. Allen, Israel Luce, Walter S. McIntire.

STEWARDS.

Seba F. Wetherbee, Isaac Lord, Benjamin Freeman, Merritt C. Pendexter.

EDUCATION.

Edgar M. Smith, Henry P. Torsey, D. D., Parker Jaques, Abel W. Pottle, Everett S. Stackpole, Cyrus Stone.

TEMPERANCE.

Enos T. Adams, Andrew McKeown, Alanson R. Sylvester, Ira G. Sprague, David Church, Francis Grovenor.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

W. W Baldwin, Elwin W. Simons, Wilbur F. Holmes, Oliver S. Pillsbury, George Hoit, Geo. W. Barber.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

True P. Adams, Nathan C. Clifford, Charles E. Bisbee, James H. Trask, Nathan D. Center, Asbury C. Trafton, Melvin E. King.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Gershom F. Cobb, Hezekiah B. Mitchell, Eleazer W. Hutchinson, David Pratt. Jr., Sylvester D. Brown, Hezekiah Chase, Benjamin F. Pease.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Ezekiel Martin, Luther P. French, Parker Jaques, Roscoe Sanderson, Willard B. Bartlett, Reuel H. Kimball, Wm. H. Foster, Daniel Waterhouse.

MEMOIRS.

Caleb Fuller, [Charles W. Morse, Charles W. Bradlee, Kinsman Atkinson, Charles Munger, Alvra Hatch, True Whittier, John Gibson.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Nathan C. Clifford, Melvin E. King, Alden F. Chase, John Gibson.

METHODIST LITERATURE.

George D. Lindsay, Cyrus Stone, Stephen Allen, Andrew McKeown.

ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE.

Roscoe Sanderson, Kinsman Atkinson, Ira G. Sprague, Charles Munger.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Israel Luce, William S. Jones, Parker Jaques.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Parker Jaques, Gardiner D. Holmes, Oliver S. Pillsbury.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Ammi S. Ladd, James M. Williams, Thomas F. Jones.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Fred C. Rogers, Merritt C. Pendexter. Charles W. Bradlee.

FIRST YEAR.—Everett S. Stackpole, Walter S. McIntire, George L. Burbank.
SECOND YEAR.—William S. Jones, Ammi S. Ladd, John B. Lapham.
THIRD YEAR.—Enos T. Adams, Roscoe Sanderson, Ira G. Sprague.
FOURTH YEAR.—George D. Lindsay, Asbury C. Trafton, Cyrus Stone.

LOCAL PREACHERS FOR ORDERS.

Charles Munger, Israel Luce, Benjamin Freeman.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

Cyrus Stone, Alternate—George D. Lindsay.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

William S. Jones, Ezekiel Martin, John Cobb, Alanson R. Sylvester, William M. Sterling, Roscoe Sanderson, Charles Munger.

VISITORS AND DELEGATES.

TO GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

James M. Williams.

TO THE MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

William S. Jones.

TO MAINE CENTRAL FREE BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Walter S. McIntire.

TO THE MAINE WESTERN BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Wilbur F. Berry.

TO WESLEYAN ASSOCIATION.

George D. Lindsay.

TO THE MAINE WESLEYAN SEMINARY AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

Everett S. Stackpole.

TO THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Andrew McKeown, D. D.

TO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Wilbur F. Holmes, Francis A. Robinson.

TO LASELL SEMINARY.

Andrew McKeown and wife.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Who are received by transfer and from what Conferences?

James M. Williams from the Wilmington Conference.
William M. Sterling from the Minnesota Conference.
Edgar M. Smith from the Central N. Y. Conference.

II. Who are admitted on trial?

Alexander Hamilton, Samuel T. Record.

III. Who remain on trial?

Charles F. Parsons, Charles S. Cummings, Herbert E. Foss,
Walter Canham, Robert E. Bisbee, Milton S. Vail.

IV. Who are discontinued?

Frank R. Butler.

V. Who are admitted into full connection?

Wilbur F. Holmes, Thomas F. Jones, Joshua M. Frost.
Joseph H. Snow,

VI. Who are readmitted? None.

VII. Who are received on credentials from other churches? None.

VIII. What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?

Wilbur F. Holmes, Thomas F. Jones, Joshua M. Frost.
Joseph H. Snow. Charles F. Parsons.

IX. What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Wilbur F. Holmes, Thomas F. Jones, Joshua M. Frost.
Joseph H. Snow, Charles F. Parsons,

X. What local preachers have been elected Deacons?

Daniel R. Ford, John P. Roberts.

XI. What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Daniel R. Ford, John P. Roberts.

XII. Who are traveling Deacons of the First Class?

Wilbur F. Holmes, Thomas F. Jones, Joshua M. Frost.
Joseph H. Snow.

XIII. Who are traveling Deacons of the Second Class?

Wilbur F. Berry.

XIV. What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?

J. Albert Corey, Elwin W. Simons, David B. Holt.

XV. What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?

J. Albert Corey, Elwin W. Simons, David B. Holt.

XVI. What local Deacons have been elected Elders? None.

XVII. What local Deacons have been ordained Elders? None.

XVIII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Caleb Fuller,	Henry F. A. Patterson,	Charles C. Cone,
J. Wesley Smith,	Joseph Colby,	Joseph Hawkes,
James Nixon,	Nathan C. Clifford,	John Mitchell,
John P. Cole,	Isaac Lord,	John A. Strout,
Silas M. Emerson,	Parker Jaques,	Delano Perry.
David W. LeLacheur,	Stephen Allen,	

XIX. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

John Allen,	Jesse Stone,	Thomas J. True,
Charles Andrews,	Daniel B. Randall,	Charles W. Morse,
Joseph Gerry,	Eaton Shaw,	Alpheus B. Lovewell,
James S. Rice,	Christopher C. Covell,	John Rice,
Aaron Sanderson,	Joseph Mooar,	Henry L. Linscott,
Ezekiel Smith,	Charles W. Blackman,	Nathan Andrews,
Thomas Hillman,	Charles K. Evans,	Emerson H. McKenney.

XX. Was the character of each Preacher examined? It was.

XXI. Have any died?

Samuel P. Blake,	Abner P. Hillman,	Theodore Hill.

XXII. Have any been transferred and to what Conferences?

Thomas Tyrie to the New Hampshire Conference.

XXIII. Have any withdrawn?

William J. Murphy.

XXIV. Have any been located at their own request?

John F. Hutchins.

XXV. Have any been located? None.

XXVI. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

XXVII. Have any been expelled? None.

XXVIII. Who are selected for triers of appeals? See page 32.

XXIX. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?

See Statistical Tables.

XXX. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

Answer.—For the Superannuates,	$1,475.00
For Widows,	1050.00
For Effective Men,	1,557.00
	$4,082.00

XXXI. What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied?

Answer.—From Circuits and Stations,	$1,286.25
" Preachers' Aid Society,	408.60
" Chartered Fund,	30.00
" Conference Trustees,	303.31
" Book Concern,	163.00
" Conference Collection,	84.84
	$2,276.00

The foregoing has been appropriated by order of the Conference as follows:

SUPERANNUATES.

Names.		Names.	
Aaron Sanderson.....	$140 00	Nathan Andrews.....	$40 00
Henry L. Linscott.....	140 00	James S. Rice.....	40 00
Daniel B. Randall.....	120 00	Christopher C. Covell....	40 00
Charles Andrews.....	120 00	Alpheus B. Lovewell.....	40 00
Eaton Shaw.....	120 00	Emerson H. McKenney..	40 00
Joseph Gerry.....	100 00	J. P. Cole.....	20 00
Thomas J. True.....	80 00	Charles W. Blackman....	20 00
Jesse Stone.....	60 00	Joseph Hawkes.....	20 00
Charles W. Morse.....	60 00	Charles K. Evans.....	20 00
Total.....			$1,220.00

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Abner P. Hillman..	$80 00	Mrs. R. J. Ayer..... ...	$40 00
" Russell	60 00	" Fairbanks.....	40 00
" Pierce.....	60 00	" Armstrong.....	40 00
" True.....	60 00	" Greeley.....	40 00
" Atkins.....	60 00	" Reuel French.....	20 00
" Copeland.....	60 00	" Masseure.....	20 00
" Theodore Hill.....	60 00	" Blake.....	20 00
" Philbrick.....	40 00	" Walker.....	20 00
" Wentworth.....	20 00	" Patrick Hoyt.....	20 00
" Greenhalgh	20 00	" F. C. Ayer.....	20 00
" Noah Hobart.....	20 00	" Thurston.....	20 00
Total.....			$840 00

EFFECTIVE MEN.

Thomas Hillman.....	50.00
Willard B. Bartlett.....	35.00
John Gibson.....	15.00
Total.....	$100.00

SUMMARY.

Cash from all sources, - - - - - - - - -		$2,276.00
Paid Superannuates, - - - - - -	$1,220.00	
Paid Widows, - - - - - - - - -	840.00	
Paid Effective Men, - - - - - -	100.00	
Remaining in the Treasury, - - - - -	116.00	
Total, - - - - - - - - -		$2,276.00

XXXII. Where are the Preachers stationed?

See Appointments.

XXXIII. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Wesley Church, Bath.

CHARLES J. CLARK, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY, DR.

1882.		
April 28.	To Cash on hand from old account	$30.61
" "	" from Steward's Conference Collections	150.00
" "	" Interest on J. Colby's Note	5.00
" "	" from E. K. Colby, (membership,)	.50
" "	" Daniel B. Randall, "	.50
June 25. "	" Pine St. Church Love Feast Collection	11.00
"	Interest on United States Bonds	6.00
" "	" L. & F. R. R. Bonds	24.00
" "	" A. & K. R. R. Bonds	15.00
" "	" Portland Water Co. Bonds	30.00
" "	" Maine Central R. R. "	14.00
" "	" City of Rockland "	12.00
" "	" City of Belfast "	6.00
" "	" City of Bath "	30.00
"	Dividends in Portland Savings Bank	48.18
"	Dividends in Maine Savings Bank	31.23
Jan'y 15. "	Cash from South Standish and Buxton Charge	5.00
Total		$419.02

	CR.	
By Cash paid for Draw in Safe Deposit Vault	$10.00	
" " paid for Box for above	.40	
		$10.40
Balance in Treasury		$408.62

MAINE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

From Circuits and Stations	$2,457.59
From the Jesse Warren Fund for the China Mission	343.00
Total	$2,800.59

LEWISTON, April 27, 1883.

ALPHEUS B. LOVEWELL, *Treasurer.*

MAINE WESLEYAN BOARD OF EDUCATION. This is a Board of trust, organized in 1850 for the purpose of holding and disbursing such funds as may be contributed for the cause of education "under the direction of the Maine Conference of the M. E. Church, or in accordance with the will of the donors."

The following are the names of the members: STEPHEN ALLEN, President; JOHN B. COYLE, Vice President; M. G. PALMER, Secretary; JAMES NOYES, Treasurer; ELIPHALET CLARK, CHARLES DAVENPORT, EBEN NUTTER, F. A. SMITH, JOSEPH A. LOCKE.

The funds of the Board now amounts to over $20,000 all safely invested, and the annual income is applied to the benefit of the MAINE WESLEYAN SEMINARY AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP. Probationers.	Members.	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	BAP. Children.	Adults.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	PREACHERS' SUP. Rent of Parsonage.	Whole Estimate.	Total Receipts.	SUNDRIES. App't for Pre. Elders.	Receipts.	Bishops.	Receipts.
Alfred	15	92	1	6	..	10	1	$3,000	1	$1,000	1	10	82	281	75	$600	$600	29	$29	7½	7½
Baldwin and Hiram	23	139	1	5	..	4	2½	3,000	1	700	3	20	100	452	50	600	600	30	30	...	3
Bartlett and N. Conway	12	47	1	4	..	1	1	12.00	1	800	2	10	60	200	100	700	700	25	25	...	..
Berwick	18	131	2	4	...	...	1	5,000	...	.....	2	22	250	500	80	700	700	35	35	9	9
Biddeford	20	388	2	8	3	18	1	18,000	1	3,500	1	34	287	1156	300	1,300	1,3 0	125	125	15	15
Bowery Beach	5	37	..	...	..	3	1	3,000	1	1,000	1	4	32	300	50	425	332	12	6¾	...	1¼
Cape Elizabeth Depot	10	79	1	1	2	8	1	10,000	1	2,500	2	28	125	575	150	750	750	26	26	9¼	9¼
Cape Porpoise	4	36	1	...	...	...	1	1,400	...	...	1	11	125	334	....	300	300	12	12	3¾	3¾
Chebeague	19	70	..	2	...	...	1	2,300	1	400	1	10	70	200	25	400	400	22	22	...	...
Conway	12	66	1	1	1	...	1	1,300	...	.....	1	8	65	150	....	550	400	30	17	6⅞	3
Cornish	20	90	..	2	..	9	1	2,000	1	1,500	1	10	97	200	100	615	615	25	25	...	3
Elliot	5	80	..	4	...	...	2	3,500	2	2,500	1	14	80	500	75	575	.....	28	28	...	...
Falmouth and Cumbe'ld	4	49	1	...	...	...	2	3,000	1	800	2	13	80	350	50	500	500	16	16	5	5
Ferry Village	40	106	..	1	...	..	1	3,000	1	1,500	1	39	265	536	....	700	.....	37	24⅛	...	...
Fryeburg	1	60	..	2	...	..	1	1,500	1	1,800	2	10	50	150	80	.....	.....	12	.....	...	1
Goodwin's Mills	2	59	..	1	...	...	1	1,200	1	1,500	1	12	100	400	100	500	500	25	25	...	1
Gorham, North Street	5	40	1	1	...	.	1	3,000	1	500	1	9	75	300	50	350	350	22	22	4	4
Gorham, School Street	4	101	..	4	...	...	1	1,100	...	.....	1	17	150	300	....	.....	....	.....	.....	...	...
Hollis	7	34	1	1	...	...	1	1,200	...	.....	1	6	35	.....	....	300	300	15	15	...	...
Island Church	6	37	..	...	..	1	1	3,000	1	1,000	1	14	100	360	60	560	560	18	18	..	6
Kennebunk	15	59	1	1	..	4	1	3,500	1	1,500	1	10	90	300	100	600	600	22	22	5	5
Kennebunk Depot	28	54	1	...	...	...	1	2,500	...	.....	1	11	60	225	100	500	500	20	20	6¼	6¼
Kennebunkport	7	110	.	4	..	6	1	7,000	...	.....	1	8	75	.....	....	500	500	30	30	...	1
Kezar Falls	7	46	..	3	...	...	1	2,000	1	800	1	10	60	290	50	350	350	18	18	...	...
Kittery, 1st Church	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kittery, 2d Church	6	70	..	2	6	8	1	5,000	...	.....	1	17	100	309	....	600	521	25	25	7½	4
Knightville	...	11	...	...	...	...	1	3,000	...	...	1	13	60	250	....	.....	.....	10	10	...	1
Maryland R., Ogunquit	24	76	..	4	..	1	2	5,800	1	1,200	2	19	70	715	85	650	650	26	26	6	..
Newfield,	12	76	..	4	..	2	1	5,000	1	1,000	1	15	70	400	75	550	550	29	29	...	3
Oak Ridge	2	30	..	...	...	...	1	1,000	1	600	1	6	40	150	40	.....	335	7	5½	...	...
Old Orchard	11	27	1	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	1	10	70	70	....	.....	180	....	4	...	...
Portland, Chestnut St.	42	445	..	16	14	26	1	60,000	1	5,000	1	62	584	1000	500	2,500	2,500	181½	181½	20	20
" Congress St.	21	240	..	1	8	17	1	30,000	...	.....	1	63	290	519	200	1,400	1,400	72	72	17½	17½
" Pine Street	23	227	..	2	2	1	1	37,000	...	.....	1	27	208	610	400	1,600	1,600	100	100	20	20
Saccarappa	24	210	1	5	1	13	1	12.000	...	.....	1	24	182	460	192	1,000	1,000	72	72	12½	12½
Saco	17	243	..	5	2	13	1	15,000	...	.....	1	17	153	259	175	1,025	1,025	75	75	12½	12½
Shapleigh Acton, &c.,	18	92	1	2	1	6	3	4,000	2	1,200	1	8	39	215	50	400	315	12	12	3	1
South Berwick	6	142	1	2	..	5	1	4,000	...	.....	1	15	115	400	130	800	800	40	40	...	3
South Biddeford, &c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Elliot	2	37	..	1	..	2	1	2,500	1	800	1	15	100	400	50	.....	475	20	20	...	...
South Standish	3	54	..	2	..	1	1	1,500	1	500	1	8	67	225	25	240	247	15	15	3	3
Stowe, the Harbor, &c.	7	34	..	2	1	3	1	1,000	...	.....	...	...	...	...	30	325	295	15	15	4	...
West End	12	49	..	1	2	2	...	.....	...	.....	1	10	50	130	....	600	400	10	5⅝	7½	2
West Scarboro'	...	31	..	2	..	5	1	800	1	800	1	6	40	106	50	475	475	12	12	...	...
Woodford's	12	60	..	1	2	13	1	12,000	...	.....	1	12	100	100	....	700	.....	25	25	8	8
York	15	90	..	4	..	3	1	3,800	1	800	1	12	99	50	75	575	597	30	30	7	7
Buxton	3	52	.	2	...	...	1	1,000	1	600	1	7	50	300	25	240	205	15	15	3	2½
Total	533	4136	19	112	39	177	49	284,900	29	358,0	51	659	5000	13,614	3697	25,455	23,906	1400	1355	198	197

LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Andover	3	49	..	1	..	5	1	3,000	...	.....	2	11	70	350	...	300	300	15	15	3¾	1
Auburn	...	114		2	...	...	1	2,000	1	3,000	1	20	105	150	150	1,000	1 000	45	45	...	...
Bath, Beacon Street	4	143	..	4	2	...	1	8,000	1	2,500	1	26	239	664	200	1,000	1,000	60	60	12½	10
Bath, Wesley Church	16	220	1	3	..	1	1	15,000	1	2,000	1	20	200	400	200	1,000	1,000	70	70	12½	12
Bethel	12	99	1	4	...	...	1	5,000	1	950	1	12	90	300	100	500	502	35	35	6½	2
Bowdoinham	9	68	..	2	1	...	1	4,000	1	400	1	12	75	300	70	670	611½	32	32	7½	7
Bridgton and Denmark	4	106	..	3	..	3	2	9,000	..	.....	2	22	160	400	...	650	650	35	35	..	4
Brunswick	...	140	...	...	5	10	1	8,000	...	.....	1	18	125	325	175	900	900	35	35	10½	5
Bryant's Pond	2	20	1	...	...	..	½	400	...	.....	1	...	...	.....	....	60	60	6	6	¾	¾
Buckfield and Turner	2	43	..	3	..	1	2	4,000	...	.....	2	7	35	200	...	400	200	15	15	...	..
Danville Junction	...	21	..	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	1	9	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	...	...
East N. Yarmouth &c	2	64	..	2	...	...	1	1,200	1	600	1	14	43	.....	75	500	500	15	15	...	1
East Poland and Minot	16	59	1	...	...	...	2	3,000	1	800	2	12	50	.....	50	475	400	20	20	...	...
Gardiner	...	20	1	6	..	2	1	14,000	1	4,000	1	23	140	.....	200	1,200	1,000	74	74	13	13

TABLE I.—(Continued.)

LEWISTON DISTRICT.—(Continued.)

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				PREACHERS' SUP.			SUNDRIES.			
	Proba'ners.	Members.	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Rent of Parsonage.	Whole Estimate.	Receipts.	App't for Pre. Elders.	Receipts.	Bishops.	Receipts.
Gorham & Berlin N. H.	23	60	1	..	1	12	1	$3,000	1	$1,000	1	15	134	400	100	$700	$700	$22	$22	$	$5
Harpswell, Orr's Island.	5	58	..	4	..	2	2	3,000	...	.....	2	20	80	550	45	420	420	20	20	5½	2
Lewiston, Hammond St.	13	106	..	2	..	1	1	17,000	1	2,000	1	15	90	375	200	1,000	1,000	35	35	12½	5
Lewiston, Park Street	31	360	2	8	4	21	1	10,000	1	3,000	1	32	415	1500	200	1,400	1,400	90	90	15	15
Lisbon	6	47	1	..	1	...	1	2,900	1	1,200	1	9	75	400	84	600	600	19	19	7½	2
Mason, Albany, &c.	9	50	1	..	..	...	..	.....	...	.....	2	10	50	250	20	400	250	20	13½	...	...
Mechanic Falls	8	120	..	4	..	1	1	3,000	1	2,000	1	15	100	500	100	650	650	40	40	...	...
Monmouth	37	173	3	6	1	1	1¾	6,000	1	1,700	2	19	175	687	100	650	700	42	42	8	8
Naples	14	62	1	3	...	...	1	1,200	1	800	1	8	64	200	50	400	400	27	27	5	5
Newry, Upton, &c.	28	51	1	3	..	3	..	.....	1	500	7	42	200	600	50	400	400	20	20	5	5
North Auburn	5	64	1	..	..	...	1	2,000	1	800	1	5	40	200	75	400	170	24	6	...	...
North Norway	18	31	..	..	..	12	1	1,100	1	250	1	12	101	125	....	150	150	10	10	1⅞	1⅞
N. Windham, Raymond	6	69	1	1	..	...	1	600	...	.....	1	7	30	.....	....	.....	.....	15	15	...	...
Oxford and Welchville.	39	66	..	..	..	16	2	4,000	...	.....	2	15	120	600	....	430	430	25	25	5	5
Paris and Woodstock.	21	81	..	..	..	2	2¼	2,000	...	.....	1	0	60	75	....	450	450	20	20	...	...
Richmond	29	139	..	3	..	1	1	3,500	1	900	1	19	140	900	100	700	700	45	45	...	3
Rumford Centre	...	95	..	2	..	...	2	5,000	1	300	2	9	60	200	50	400	300	30	25	..	..
South Auburn	3	25	..	1	..	1	1	1,000	...	.....	1	7	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	2	2
So. Paris and Norway.	20	210	2	3	1	13	2	8,000	1	1,000	2	29	200	750	100	709	700	65	65	8¾	4½
S. Wat'fd, Stoneh'm, &c.	29	98	1	2	..	...	3	3,800	1	600	3	20	120	400	60	460	460	18	16	5	5
W. Cumbl'd, Duck Pond	3	24	1	1	..	...	2	2,000	1	300	2	7	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Durham, N. Pownal	7	80	1	5	..	...	2	4,000	1	500	3	13	125	.....	50	500	450	26	26	6¼	6¼
Total	424	3175	21	79	13	107	44	158,400	24	28,750	57	544	3817	11,801	2604	19,465	18,453	1090	1058	153	131

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Augusta	17	249	1	3	..	8	1	$12,000	1	$1,000	1	17	119	467	125	$1,000	$1,000	$75	$75	12	12
East Readfield	7	25	..	..	..	...	1	2,500	...	.....	1	7	60	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	...	...
East Wilton and Temple	10	109	1	4	..	...	1½	2,500	..	.....	2	25	175	300	....	225	225	22	22	...	3
Fairfield	15	90	..	4	..	...	1	6,000	1	500	1	18	135	491	100	800	800	45	45	10	10
Farmington	72	231	8	7	..	10	1	12,500	1	2,000	1	15	150	600	150	1,000	1,000	67	67	12½	12½
Fayette, Ea. Livermore.	27	100	2	1	..	...	2	2,000	1	800	2	15	120	400	50	550	394	.....	....	6¼	1
Hallowell	31	175	..	1	1	...	1	10,000	1	1,800	1	15	...	439	175	900	900	53	53	11¼	11¼
Industry and Stark	10	112	2	5	..	...	1½	2,500	1	500	2	18	80	350	50	450	400	33	25	5	2
Kent's Hill, Readf'd Cor.	34	125	1	1	..	2	..	7,000	1	1,800	2	20	90	500	125	700	700	45	45	8¾	8¾
Kingfield, Salem, Eustis	21	97	..	4	..	1	1½	3,000	1	500	1	3	14	.....	30	500	418	26	23½	6¼	5
Leeds	10	34	1	1	..	3	1	1,500	...	.....	3	18	100	300	....	400	268	12	12	5	2
Livermore	8	60	..	3	..	...	3	3,500	...	.....	2	13	84	.....	....	350	325	14	14	4½	2
Livermore Falls, Jay B.	4	113	1	4	1	3	1	4,500	...	.....	2	15	100	250	....	600	650	32	32	7½	2
Mercer	...	137	1	..	..	...	2½	3,000	1	300	2	14	60	400	25	526½	426½	21	18	6¾	3¾
Monmouth	37	173	3	6	1	1	1¾	6,000	1	1,700	2	19	175	687	100	650	710	42	42	8	8
Mt. Vern., Vienna. Belg.	26	137	..	2	..	..	2	3,000	..	.....	2	10	70	.....	....	550	.....	35	21⅔	7	4
N. Portland, N. Viney'd	49	82	3	1	..	34	..	.....	1	600	...	.....	.....	.....	50	400	350	17	17	5	2½
N. Sharon, Farm. Falls.	14	92	..	2	..	7	1	1,000	1	500	1	8	50	100	40	500	500	26	26	6¼	4
N. Anson and Madison.	18	67	1	1	..	..	1	1,000	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	400	24	24	5	4
North Augusta	18	60	4	2	..	...	1	800	1	1,000	2	10	56	250	100	500	415	16	16	6	...
North Wayne	8	4	1	..	..	1	1	1,800	...	.....	1	7	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8¼	.....	.....
Phillips and Weld	11	90	1	..	..	...	1½	4,000	...	.....	2	20	65	.....	....	450	375	25	25	5	5
Skowhegan	6	180	..	6	1	7	1	10,000	...	.....	1	12	100	300	96	800	800	35	35	10	2
Solon Circuit	22	113	3	4	..	4	1	2,500	1	1,000	1	9	70	500	79	575	550	25	25	6	6
Strong and Freeman C.	21	129	..	..	1	14	1	2,500	1	500	1	12	138	500	75	525	525	30	30	7	7
Waterville	15	201	3	2	..	18	1	15,000	...	.....	1	27	205	680	180	1,000	1,000	70	70	12½	12½
Wayne	...	104	..	1	..	...	1	3,500	1	1,000	1	13	75	500	100	500	470	27	25	6¼	4
W. Waterville, N. Sidney	20	105	..	..	..	17	2	6,600	...	.....	2	15	125	300	....	500	500	23	23	6¼	3
Wilton	1	171	..	..	..	4	1	6,000	...	.....	1	17	150	1500	....	600	600	35	35	7	5
Winthrop	14	132	1	2	1	5	1	5,000	1	2,300	1	21	150	400	150	800	800	45	45	10	10
Total	503	3335	38	65	6	137	36	134,300	17	17,800	39	396	2610	10,314	1796	16,201	15,601	885	877½	195	146

RECAPITULATION.

Portland District.	533	4136	19	112	39	177	48½	284,900	29	35,800	51	659	5000	13,614	3697	25,455	23,906	1400	1355	197	197
Lewiston District.	424	3175	21	79	13	107	44	158,400	24	28,750	57	544	3817	11,801	2604	19,465	18,453	1090	1058	153	131
Augusta District.	503	3335	38	65	6	137	36	134,300	17	17,800	39	396	2610	10,314	1796	16,201	15,691	885	877	195	146
Total	1460	10646	78	256	58	421	128	577,600	70	82,350	147	1599	11427	35,729	8097	61,121	57,960	3375	3291	546	474

TABLE II.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Benevolent Contributions.												
	Building or Improving Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch'l Union	Freedmen's Aid.	Education.	American Bible Soc'y.	Domestic Missionary Society.	Miscellaneous.
Portland, Chestnut St.	$3278 2	2400.00	178.00	306.00	110.00	20.00	5.00	$7 00	20.00	$6.00	$5.00	104.00	222.00
" Pine Street.	1120.00	1000.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	18.89	5.00	30.00	330.00
" Congress St.	90.00	.....	40.00	60.00	32.00	46.00	3.00	3.00	10 00	5.00	4.00	21.00	750.00
Knightville	150.00	.....	1.00	3.00	.....	1.00	.50	.50	1.00	.50	.50	1.00	57.84
West End	.....	.....	1.00	5 00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	8.00	210.00
Island Church	200.00	.....	11.00	20.00	10 00	3.00	1 00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....
Woodford's	1500.00	2000.00	13.00	43.00	7.50	10.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	8 00	2.00	8.00	33.00
Bowery Beach	.....	.....	1.75	3.00	1.75	5 00	.25	.25	2.00	.25	.....	2.25	.....
Cape Elizabeth Depot.	190.00	.....	10.00	47.50	4.03	6.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	2.73
Ferry Village	21.27	450.00	8.00	40.00	1.00	3.00	.....	1.00	1.00	3 00	.....	4.00	.....
West Scarboro'	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	5 00	1.00	2.00	5.00	1 00	1.00	5.00	37.00
Saco	300.00	3100.00	16.00	60.00	.....	8.00	2.00	2 00	10.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	.....
Biddeford	680 00	2856.00	35.00	100.00	85 15	10.00	2 00	3.00	6.00	9.46	3.00	37.00	6.00
Oak Ridge	15.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goodwin's Mills	120.00	.....	10.00	10.00	6.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	50.00
Kennebunk	.....	.....	7.00	10.00	1.00	1.50	1 25	1.50	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.25	100.00
Kennebunk Depot	63.00	.....	6.00	5.0	1.00	1.00	.25	.38	5 00	1.12	.25	3.00	.....
Kennebunkport	2000.00	.....	6.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....
Cape Porpoise	21.32	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2 00	.....
Maryland,R , Ogunquit.	320.00	1000.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	15.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1 00	3.00	60.00
Berwick	706.00	583.00	20.00	16.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	150.00
South Berwick	.....	.....	10.50	25.00	11.50	2.83	2.67	2.66	2.83	5 58	.....	4.77	.....
Elliot	.....	.....	17.00	20.00	17.00	2.00	1.00	1 00	3.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	.....
South Elliot	10.00	.....	2.00	3.00	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	35.00
Kittery, 1st. Church	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kittery, 2d. Church	232.48	.....	2.00	20.00	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	11.00	1.00	.....	24.10
York	850 00	.....	30.00	38.00	.....	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5 00	5.00	26.00	.....
Alfred	.....	1200.00	16.00	17.00	.....	10.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	6.00	.....
West Newfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shapleigh and Acton	.....	.....	1.25	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.50	1 25	.....
Hollis	.....	.....	6.00	5.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....
South Standish	120.00	.....	3 00	15.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1 00	4.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Buxton	80.00	.....	2.00	10.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	32.00
Gorham, North Street.	.....	.....	10.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	12.00	.....
" School Street.	.....	.....	20.00	18.00	.....	10.00	2.00	3.00	10.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Saccarappa	75.00	.....	80.00	75.00	36.00	10.00	2 00	2.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	7.00	250.00
Cumberland. Falmouth	1500.00	.....	12.00	15.00	10.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3 00	1.00	2.00	6.00	50.00
Chebeague	.....	.....	2.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	.....
Newfield	120.00	.....	5 00	12.00	5.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Kezar Falls	2000.00	.....	4.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
Cornish	65.00	.....	10.00	25.00	5.00	8.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	100.00
Baldwin and Hiram	60 00	.....	10.00	15.00	.....	6.00	2.00	2.00	3.50	3.50	2.00	17.00	80.00
Fryeburg	.....	200.00	2.00	3 00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Conway	.....	.....	7.00	5.00	16.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	.....	2.00	10 00	.....
Bartlett & No. Conway	100.00	100.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	20.00
Old Orchard	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stowe, Harbor, Lov., etc.	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
Total	12804.41	14889.00	729.50	1143.50	449.93	240.33	53.92	62.29	155.33	111.24	55.25	381.52	2129.57

LEWISTON DISTRICT.

Andover	95.00	.....	1.00	10.00	.....	1 00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3 00	16.00
Auburn	.....	1500.00	13.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bath, Beacon Street	1035.71	1153 30	34.00	51.00	35.00	10.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	4.00	.....	30.25	413.64
Bath, Wesley Church	6481.00	3000.00	16 00	58.00	27.00	20.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	40.00
Bethel	75.00	317.00	2.00	4.00	1 00	.....	.50	.50	.....	2.00	1.50	2.00	.....
Bowdoinham	15.00	.....	16.00	25.00	2.00	15.00	4.00	2.50	8.00	2.50	4 00	5.00	50.00
Bridgton and Denmark	.....	500.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	3 00	2.00	10.00	.....
Brunswick	.....	.....	27.00	80.00	42.00	10.00	2.00	3.00	10.00	4.65	21.00	30.00	125.00
Bryant's Pond	.....	.....	2.00	5.00	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckfield and Turner	400.00	.....	1.00	3.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	6.00
Danville Junction	.....	.....	.5.00	10.00	5.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	.....	1.00	2.00	.....
E.N. Yarm'th, Freeport	.....	.....	4.00	8.00	27.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....
East Poland and Minot	30.00	.....	2.50	3.10	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	3.12	.....
Gardiner	400.00	.....	27.00	42.26	.....	5.00	.....	.....	8.00	1.00	.....	13 25	.....
Gorham & Berlin, N.H.	.....	.....	4.00	10.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....

TABLE II.—(Continued.)

LEWISTON DISTRICT.—(Continued.)

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Benevolent Contributions.												
	Building or Improving Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedmen's Aid.	Education.	American Bible Soc.	Domestic Missionary Society.	Miscellaneous.
Harpswell, Orr's Isl'd.	.....	.....	$7 00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.25	.50	1.00	$5.00	5.00	$ .50	$1.75	.....
Lewiston, Hammond St.	$25.00	2000.00	10.00	10.00	1 00	5.00	1.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	200.00
Lewiston, Park Street..	450.00	320.00	25.00	120.00	25.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	10.00	32.00
Lisbon and Sabbattus.	375 00	165.00	5.00	7.00	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	4.00	.....	.....	125.00
Mason, Albany, S.River	.....	.....	4.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	8 00	3.30
Mechanic Falls.	75.00	.....	2.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	80.00	125.00
Naples	10.00	.....	4.00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	1.00	.....	37.00
Newry, Upton, etc.	62.00	.....	3.00	4.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....
North Auburn	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Norway.	.....	.....	1.00	5.00	.25	.25	.25	.25	5.00	.25	.25	1.00	.....
N. Windham. Gray etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.00
Oxford and Welchville.	65.00	.....	13.00	20.00	.....	10.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	.....
Paris and Woodstock.	.....	400.00	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
Richmond	50.00	.....	10 00	8.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....
Rumford Centre, etc .	.....	.....	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Auburn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Paris, Norway.	210.00	.....	8.00	36.00	6.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	.....
So. Wat'fd, St'ham, etc.	12.00	.....	1.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	2.00	.....
W.Durham, N. Pownal	11.50	.....	4.00	12.00	2.50	3.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.50	1.00	8.00	.....
Total	10077.21	9355.30	266.50	609.36	191.75	123.75	27.25	34.25	110.00	54.90	47 25	259.37	1242.94

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Augusta	110.00	355.00	50.00	91.00	28.00	24.00	7 00	7.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	44.00	.....
East Readfield	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.20	.....
E. Wilton and Temple.	.....	.....	2.00	1.50	.....	.50	.....	.50	.....	.....	.75	1.00	.....
Fairfield.	178.84	.....	18.00	36.00	.....	7.00	.....	.....	6.00	6.00	1.00	10.00	134.00
Farmington	240.00	.....	12.00	55.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	10 00	425.00
Fayette, Ea. Livermore.	.....	.....	5.00	7.09	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Hallowell	.....	.....	31.00	61.00	.....	10.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	61.00	.....
Industry and Stark.	.....	.....	2.00	7.00	.....	.85	.35	.35	.75	.35	.35	.....	.....
Kent's Hill, Readf. Cor.	200.00	600.00	30.00	120.00	190.00	15.00	4.00	2.00	16 00	4.00	3.00	30.00	7.00
K ngfield, Salem, Eust.	147.00	270.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	9.00	.....
Leeds	.....	.....	3.00	2.00	.....	5.00	.50	.....	5.00	.....	.50	3.00	.....
Livermore	.....	.....	4.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	58.00
Liv. Falls, Jay Bridge.	260.00	.....	4.90	18.00	.....	10.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....
Mercer	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monmouth	800.00	.....	20.00	35.00	5.00	20.00	2.00	2 00	10.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	20.00
Mt. Vern,,Vienna, Belg.	.....	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	8.50
N. Portland, N. Vine'd	.....	100.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.70	3.00	.....
N. Sharon, Farm. Falls.	80.00	.....	6.75	4.50	6.25	5.00	1.25	2.25	4.00	6.00	1.00	.....	133.87
N. Anson and Madison	73.00	.....	10.00	7.00	.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....	10.00	9 00	.....
North Augusta.	.....	.....	2.00	2 00	.....	1 00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	2.00	22.00
North Wayne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....
Phillips and Weld.	224.00	.....	3.00	9.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	.....
Skowhegan	1100.00	.....	5.50	13.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	.....	2.00	175.00
Solon Circuit	118.00	.....	5.00	9.00	15.50	5.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	.....	4 00	40.00
Strong and Freeman C.	50.00	.....	5.00	40.00	12.50	10.00	1 00	2.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	30.83
Waterville	.....	420.00	75.00	115.00	20.00	17.00	4 00	5.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	45.00	.....
Wayne	300.00	.....	10.00	14.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....
W.Waterville, No. Sid'y	300.00	.....	5.00	7.00	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....
Wilton	.....	.....	10.00	33.00	17.00	10.00	2.00	3.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	.....
Winthrop	10.00	.....	31.00	50.00	12.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	15.00	52.00
Total	4190.84	1745.00	347.25	747.09	319.25	176.35	37.10	43.10	104.75	58.35	54.55	311.00	1097.70

RECAPITULATION.

Portland District.	12804.41	14,889	729.50	1143.50	449 93	240.33	53.92	62.29	155.33	111 24	.55.25	381.52	2629.57
Lewiston District	10077.21	9,355	266.50	609.36	191.75	123.75	27.25	34 25	110.00	54.90	47.25	259.37	1242.94
Augusta District.	4190.84	1,745	347.25	747.09	319.25	176.35	37.10	43.10	104.75	58.35	54.55	311.00	1097.70
Total...	27072.46	25,989	1343.25	2499.95	960.93	540.43	118.27	139.64	370.08	224.49	157.05	951.89	4970.21

SESSIONS OF THE MAINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE FROM 1825 TO 1883.

Session.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1.	Gardiner	July 7, 1825	George	Oliver Beale.
2.	Bucksport	July 6, 1826	George	Oliver Beale.
3.	Portland-Chestnut St.	July 5, 1827	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
4.	Vienna	August 14, 1828	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
5.	Gardiner	July 9, 1829	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
6.	Portland-Chestnut St.	June 9, 1830	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
7	Hallowell	June 8, 1831	Soule	Justin Spaulding.
8.	Bucksport	July 18, 1832	Roberts	Justin Spaulding.
9.	Bath—Wesley Church.	July 3, 1833	Hedding	Justin Spaulding.
10.	Gardiner	July 2, 1834	Hedding	Oliver Beale.
11.	Bangor.	July 1, 1835	Emory	Oliver Beale.
12.	Portland-Chestnut St.	August 3, 1836	Hedding	Wm. H. Norris.
13.	Hallowell	June 28, 1837	Waugh	Gershom F. Cox.
14.	Wiscasset	June 27, 1838	Hedding	Gershom F. Cox.
15.	Hampden	June 26, 1839	Waugh	Gershom F. Cox.
16.	Kent's Hill, Readfield.	July 22, 1840	Soule	Charles W. Morse.
17.	Skowhegan	July 21, 1841	Hedding	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
18.	Gardiner	July 20, 1842	Waugh	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
19.	Bath-Wesley Church.	July 19, 1843	Hedding	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
20.	Bangor	August 14, 1844	Hedding	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
21.	Portland-Chestnut St.	July 15, 1845	Janes	Wm. H. Pillsbury.
22.	Hallowell	July 1, 1846	Waugh	John Hobart.
23.	Saco	June 30, 1847	Hedding	John Hobart.
24.	Portland-Chestnut St.	July 19, 1848	Hedding	John Hobart.
25.	Augusta	July 11, 1849	Morris	John Hobart.
26.	Kennebunkport	July 10, 1850	Morris	Daniel B. Randall.
27.	Winthrop	July 9, 1851	Hamline	Daniel B. Randall.
28.	Portland-Chestnut St.	June 23, 1852	Waugh	Charles F. Allen
29.	Biddeford	May 25, 1853	Janes	Charles F. Allen.
30.	Skowhegan	May 24, 1854	Baker	Charles F. Allen.
31.	Bath-Wesley Church.	May 23, 1855	Janes	Charles F. Allen.
32.	Gardiner	July 2, 1856	Waugh	Charles F. Allen.
33.	Saco	April 22, 1857	Baker	Asahel Moore.
34.	Farmington	April 21, 1858	Scott	Asahel Moore.
35.	Lewiston	April 27, 1859	Ames	Asahel Moore.
36.	Gorham	April 4, 1860	Baker	Asahel Moore.
37.	South Paris	May 1, 1861	Scott	Asahel Moore.
38.	Portland-Chestnut St.	April 30, 1862	Baker	Asahel Moore.
39.	Portland-Chestnut St.	April 22, 1863	Simpson	Asahel Moore.
40.	Bath-Wesley Church.	April 14, 1864	Scott	Asahel Moore.
41.	Hallowell	May 3, 1865	Clark	Asahel Moore.
42.	Lewiston	May 9, 1866	Ames	Asahel Moore.
43.	Bath-Beacon Street.	May 2, 1867	Scott	Charles F. Allen.
44.	Brunswick	April 15, 1868	Simpson	Charles F. Allen.
45.	Saccarappa	May 5, 1869	Clark	Charles C. Mason.
46.	Augusta	May 4, 1870	Simpson	Parker Jaques.
47.	Portland-Chestnut St.	April 27, 1871	Ames	Parker Jaques.
48.	Gardiner	April 10, 1872	Janes	Parker Jaques.
49.	Skowhegan	May 7, 1873	Haven	Parker Jaques.
50.	Biddeford	May 6, 1874	Simpson	Parker Jaques.
51.	Bath—Wesley Church.	May 5, 1875	Andrews	Parker Jaques.
52.	Lewiston	April 19, 1876	Haven	Parker Jaques.
53.	Gardiner	April 25, 1877	Scott	Charles J. Clark.
54.	Farmington	April 24, 1878	Merrill	Charles J. Clark.
55.	Portland, Pine Street.	April 23, 1879	Foster	Charles J. Clark.
56.	Saco	April 14, 1880	Bowman	Charles J. Clark.
57.	Portland, Congress St.	April 27, 1881	Peck	Charles J. Clark.
58.	Augusta	April 26, 1882	Andrews	Geo. C. Andrews.
59.	Lewiston	April 25, 1883	Foss	Geo. C. Andrews.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY

OF THE

MAINE CONFERENCE.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called "THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY OF THE MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ART. 2. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and six Managers, consisting of the Conference Stewards, ex-officio, and three Laymen to be elected annually by ballot, who with the first four officers named, shall constitute a joint Board of Directors, four of whom shall be a quorum. The Officers thus elected shall enter upon their duties at the close of the Annual Conference each year, and hold their Offices till the close of the next Annual Conference.

ART. 3. The Annual Meeting for the choice of Officers and transaction of other proper business, shall be held on the first day of the Annual Session of the Maine Conference, each year, at four o'clock in the afternoon, due notice of which shall be given by the Secretary.

ART. 4. All the funds of this Society shall be appropriated for the relief of the needy members of the Maine Conference, and the widows and children of those who were members at the time of their decease ; but no preacher in the effective relation shall receive aid, who neglects to take a collection on his charge for this Society or for Conference Claimants, unless by special vote of the Society.

ART. 5. Any preacher who shall take a collection annually for this Society or for Conference Claimants, or any person who shall contribute fifty cents annually to its funds, shall thereby be constituted a member of the same ; and ten dollars contributed at one time shall constitute the donor a life member.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall safely keep all the funds of this Society and when so ordered by the Directors, shall invest the same ; and he shall answer all orders drawn on him by the Directors, provided there are funds in the treasury sufficient for that purpose ; and he shall be required to give bonds satisfactory to the Directors for the security of all the funds intrusted to his care, and report the state of the treasury at each Annual Meeting, which report shall be audited by the Auditor elected at each Annual Meeting.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly at the call of the Secretary, the first meeting each year, to be held within three months after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Secretary when requested so to do by two or more members of the Board.

All applieations for aid in the interim of Conference, must be made in writing, to some member of the Board, fully stating the situation of the applicant, and be indorsed by the signature of a traveling minister and one Steward or Leader, and on such application the Directors may give an order on the Treasurer at their discretion.

ART. 8. The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Board shall be held yearly during the Session of the Annual Conference at the call of the Conference Stewards or the Treasurer of the Society, at which time the Board shall receive and disburse all monies returned to the Conference from whatever source, for needy members of Conference or their widows and children.

PROVIDED. That at least one hundred dollars shall be left in the treasury to meet necessitous cases which may occur in the interim of Conference.

All applications for aid which shall come before the Board at this meeting shall be signed by the applicant and shall state as definitely as possible the true condition and entire income of the one so applying.

The Board shall carefully consider each application and under the rule of discipline, order such appropriations as the circumstances warrant and demand, and the Conference Stewards with the Treasurer of this Society shall be a Committee to take charge of the distribution of the money thus appropriated, and present a report in detail, for the final approval of the Conference.

ART. 9. These By Laws may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

APPOINTMENTS.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT, Abel W. Pottle, *Presiding Elder.*

(P. O., Waterville, Me.)

Augusta,	Charles W. Bradlee.
East Readfield,	To be supplied.
East Wilton and Weld,	James R. Masterman.
Fairfield,	J. Albert Corey.
Farmington,	Cyrus Stone.
Fayette and East Livermore,	Charles Munger.
Hallowell,	Ezekiel Martin.
Industry and Stark,	Luther P. French.
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